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Grand President's Report

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

The Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, Independent
Order B'nai B'rith:

It is with a feeling of more than ordinary doubt in my ability to lead, and to advise, that I greet and welcome you, Brother Delegates, who have gathered here in annual convention to review our progress of the past year, to consider our needs and duties for the coming year, and to deliberate as to how to increase our efficacy as a unifying agency in Israel, and how to raise our District to a higher position of usefulness and influence among the moral, humanitarian, and Americanizing institutions of the West. My diffidence grows keener, when I call to mind predecessors in this exalted office who were wise in counsel and trained in leadership. However, I gain some confidence when I think of the crying truth, that we stand less in need of leaders than of followers, that our Order is in greater want of willing workers than efficient directors. Israel's destiny does not depend so much upon the rulership of the head, as upon the soundness, vigor and concordant will of the whole body. Let us, Sons of the Covenant, make sure of a sound, united, willing-to-serve spiritual body and God "in His time" will provide for us leaders to guide us to the glorious realization of our cherished hopes.

A Time of Crisis

The first and most important matter that ought to be brought to your attention is the dreadful crisis that is facing our stricken brethren in Russian-Poland, Austria and Palestine, brought on by the exterminating war in Europe. Most conservative observers agree that never before in the history of the world has such a distressing condition befallen civilized humanity, and, it is readily understood, this distress weighs more heavily upon our people. A pitiful cry from these suffering brothers came to American Israel, praying for bread, clothes and shelter for them and their children. President Kraus communicated this distressing situation to us, directing to address an appeal in behalf of the sufferers to the Subordinate Lodges. This was complied with by the General Committee with fair results. In addition, Past Grand Presidents Otto Irving Wise, Lucius Solomons and Edmund Tauszky prepared and issued a strong appeal to the Jewish residents of San Francisco which swelled the contribution of our District to a considerable figure. Every city in the District where there is a B'nai B'rith Lodge made collection of contributions for that purpose, aside from the response as members of the Order.

A closer survey, however, of the general response from our communities to this cry for help brings out the same old defect in our organizations; that is, the lack of organization. Appeals for the same purpose have been addressed to institutions and to individuals from several sources, each duplicating the other, each crossing the other, arousing thereby rather a feeling of imposition than a quickening of sympathy. Some of the wealthiest communities and individuals on this coast have not come up to their reputation

of liberality in this unprecedented world-calamity which cannot but be attributed to the overlapping of committees and the duplicity of appeals. Nor, we must remember, is this the last and only appeal for help. We must be prepared to give, give, and give again. Even after the war we shall be called upon to help building up the shattered existence of the tens of thousands of our crippled brethren. To ignore their destitution would be flagrantly deviating from our hitherto unbroken history of Jewish Rachmonoth.

Co-Operation

In order, therefore, to avoid past mistakes, in order that a full share of help be borne by every organization and every individual of the respective communities within our District, I recommend the appointment of a Central Commission by this Grand Lodge, which commission shall appoint a committee from the Subordinate Lodges in every community where there are other Jewish organizations, with the direction that such a committee shall communicate and endeavor to co-operate with the respective organizations of the community, to the end that each community shall have one central source from which appeals shall be issued, and to which responses shall be remitted. Brothers, I regard the appointment of such a commission of the utmost importance; it will bring more and quicker help for our brethren, and will give greater prominence to our Order.

General Convention

In the month of May of this year the General Convention of the Order will meet in San Francisco, and it is to be

deeply regretted that many distinguished representatives from across the seas will not be able to be our guests on account of the war in Europe.

The Committee on Entertainment has been active during the year, the result of which, and the nature of the welcome prepared, you will learn from the report by Past Grand President Otto Irving Wise, Chairman of the committee.

I need not remind the Lodges outside of San Francisco that members of the General Convention will likely visit their cities, especially those on the coast, when a proper reception to them by these Lodges will be expected.

Anti-Defamation League

The strongest proof of the need and efficacy of organized action and united influence, the slogan of the B'nai B'rith, is the splendid results achieved by the league, founded and maintained by the Order, in its persistent protest against public slander upon our name and character. In all ages and in all countries, Israel suffered not only from the tyranny of rulers, but also from the calumny of the pen and detraction on the stage. In our time, and especially in this free Republic where political oppression is impossible, the Jew and Judaism nevertheless suffer ignominy from libelous defamation and misrepresentation in newspaper and magazine articles and caricatures, summer resort advertisements, on the theatre stage, and, the latest and most offensive, in the motion pictures. Again and again individuals had protested against such offenses, but the protests never brought desired results, however influ-

ential the individual may have been. It is, therefore, gratifying to be able to report that the league, as the authorized spokesman of the Order, has in many cases, and during its short existence, been successful in securing the suppression of the objectionable material in newspapers and periodicals, and of misrepresentations on the stage and screen. As to detailed information of what the league has done, you are referred to the bulletins issued by its office from time to time. The sub-committees within the jurisdiction of this District, besides local protests, with some success by individuals against stage film offenses, had no occasion to call upon the league.

American Jewry must feel deeply indebted to the B'nai B'rith for its organized defense of Jewish honor and the Jewish character, and on behalf of District No. 4, we express our grateful appreciation of the indefatigable work in this new scope of B'nai B'rith activities, to Brothers Sigmund Livingston and Leon L. Lewis, respectively Chairman and Secretary of the Anti-Defamation League.

I recommend that resolutions of thanks be passed and transmitted, by this Grand Lodge, to the several film manufacturers, and to the local film agencies, who in respect for our protest eliminated or modified these films in which the Jew was held up to ridicule or contempt.

Endowment

This problem which has vexed the District for almost two generations is making, let us hope, its last parting bow. Since the last annual session the liquidation of the Endowment has been almost completely consummated. All but ten Endowment members have surrendered their certifi-

cates, and have accepted, in exchange, the number of shares of B. B. Hall Association allotted to each by the experienced insurance adjuster, whose expert services had already been recognized at the special session of this body.

The interest of the stockholders is being carefully guarded by the General Committee. The power voluntarily placed in its hands by more than forty per cent of the stockholders enables it to discharge that responsibility unhampered. The arrangement gives each shareholder well-founded hope that, with the return of a more active real estate market his stock will most probably realize a price approximate to its intrinsic value.

Quite a number of original shareholders transferred their stocks to others, not, however, before they had offered them to the General Committee. The offers had to be declined because of a lack of funds. If the shareholders would not be in such haste to realize on their stock, they would ultimately fare much better.

The appeal by a brother of B. B. Peixotto Lodge against the action of the Grand Lodge at the special session was dismissed by the Court of Appeals.

The building has been taken over by the Grand Lodge under a lease from the B. B. Hall Association, and is run by the General Committee as a rental department. A separate set of books is kept, and nothing which concerns that department conflicts in any way with the Grand Lodge affairs proper. The notes held by several of the Subordinate Lodges for stocks surrendered will be redeemed from the proceeds of the rental department. Already twenty-five per cent has been paid on the face of these notes, together

with one year's interest. Owing to the three years insurance which had to be taken out in 1914, the treasury of the rental department fell short of the amount necessary to meet these notes, and \$1,100.00 had to be transferred from the Premium Fund to the rental fund for that purpose, but that money will easily be replaced within a very short time. We look to 1915 to carry itself through without any shortage.

The old B'nai B'rith Endowment Fund Association originally organized to hold the property on Van Ness avenue and Fell street which fitted up our headquarters and through which the Grand Lodge purchased the corner, Polk and Geary streets, is now out of existence; its charter expired under an amended by-law in June, 1914. The assets it held, consisting chiefly of acknowledgments of indebtedness given it by the Grand Lodge, were turned over to this body, it being the sole shareholder in the concern. There was nothing left of tangible assets except about \$1,300.00 in the German Savings Bank, since transferred to the Anglo-California Trust Co. All other moneys had previously been turned over to the Grand Lodge, as they were needed in the construction of the building, for which the aforementioned acknowledgments were given.

Ladies' Auxiliaries

There are seven active Ladies' Auxiliary Lodges in our District:

One in Portland, one in Vancouver, one in Spokane, one in Victoria and three in San Francisco. Rabbi Brother Jacob Bloch of Portland framed a ritual for the use of the

Auxiliary Lodges, which was submitted to the General Committee, approved of by the Sub-Committee, Brother Lucius Solomons and Grand Secretary Aschheim, and adopted as the official ritual for the Ladies' Auxiliary Lodges. The ritual has received much praise from the ladies and, in behalf of the Lodges and of the General Committee, I express grateful appreciation of the work to Rabbi Bloch.

Youths' Auxiliary

There exists in San Francisco a small organization composed entirely of youths under 18 years of age. It has the sanction of the Grand Lodge and is conducted on lines laid down by this body. It was organized by Brother Eugene Block and he still supervises it as a teacher would his class. He has been singularly successful in attaching the boys to him and maintaining a high state of discipline among them. It is only as a training school, so to say, that such organizations can be kept up. As Lodges where the youths would feel a sense of independence they would soon go to wreck as experience has taught us. Brother Block deserves our thanks for having established and successfully conducted what in time may prove a valuable recruiting office, and I heartily recommend its emulation by other large cities in the District.

B'nai B'rith News

This able exponent of our Order is one of its invaluable assets. It is constantly broadening its sphere of useful-

ness, bringing light and truth to our members, thereby awakening interest and stimulating our brethren to continuous efforts.

Los Angeles Orphans' Home

At the last annual session a complaint was embodied in the report of District Deputy Brother Edelstein of Spokane, Wash., against the Jewish Orphan Asylums of this coast, for making admission of orphans from outside Districts difficult. The Grand Secretary was directed to communicate with the Los Angeles Home, and in reply to the Secretary's inquiry, dated March 3, 1914, Brother Marchutz, then President of the Home, stated that he wrote to the Secretary of that Lodge fully explaining "the why and wherefore of such course" pursued by that institution.

Committee of Fifty

This committee, originally organized by Brother Past Grand President Isidor Golden, is continuing its activity with unabated enthusiasm. During the year it has given several affairs and a portion of the proceeds thereof handed over to the Entertainment Committee. Brother Henry Zekind, chairman of the committee, is deserving warm thanks for his intelligent and faithful stewardship.

Appointments

On June the 10th Past Grand President Abraham Jonas was appointed Judge of the District Court to fill the vacancy regretfully caused by the death of Past Grand Presi-

dent Wallace A. Wise. On January 2nd Brother Max M. Grossman of Vancouver was appointed Deputy of the Ladies' Auxiliary of that city.

Official Visits

During the year I visited every Lodge in the District. Several Lodges I visited more than once. Accompanied by the Grand Orator, Rabbi M. Friedlander, I left for the north on the 19th of April and returned on the 14th of May, during which time we visited the Lodges in the States of Utah, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Between the 8th and the 18th of November we visited Fresno, and every Lodge south of there. At each place the Grand Orator and I addressed a largely attended meeting called by the respective Lodge, and, judging from the apparent enthusiasm during and after the meeting, we succeeded in awakening everywhere a strong B'nai B'rith spirit. In many instances where we addressed open meetings, a number of unaffiliated visitors walked up to the Secretary's desk after the meeting and signed applications for membership.

Upon special request we paid a second visit to Vancouver and Seattle; Vancouver to initiate a number of applicants in Samuel Lodge, and Seattle to officially represent the Order at the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of Congregation Chevra Bikur Cholim, where Dr. Friedlander addressed a concourse estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 people.

On May 26th Grand Secretary I. J. Aschheim and I made a special visit to Los Angeles to assist in the initia-

tion of several candidates, and on June 25th the Grand Secretary accompanied me to Ariel Lodge, San Jose, Cal. The Oakland Lodge initiatory team accompanied me to Etham Lodge, Sacramento, on September 1st, and to Hope Lodge, Stockton, on September 2nd. Past Grand President Abraham Jonas accompanied me on my second visit to Ariel Lodge, San Jose, on December 9th. Together with the General Committee and the Grand Orator I visited the San Francisco Lodges in joint session on January 25th, and Oakland Lodge, January 26th.

Propaganda

On assuming the charge of Grand Presidency I felt that the duties and responsibilities which go with the honor of the high office lay not only in the performance of prescribed functions already well defined, nor in traveling on trodden paths to Lodges, near and far, where entertaining welcomes in some measure recompense for the absence from home and the fatigue of the road, but chiefly in the energetic endeavor to cultivate new fields, to open new paths, and to forge and shape new commissions. In other words, I felt that my duties to the office were not so much in watching, visiting and lecturing those who are with us, as in endeavoring to win over to our great cause those who stand aloof from us. This I understood was the real work of B'nai B'rith propaganda, and to this I directed my first attention and devoted all my spare time. After surveying the field of available resources I found that the most material for propaganda work was right here in the city of San Francisco, the official seat of the District. Accord-

ingly the Grand Orator and I determined to undertake a vigorous campaign in San Francisco, in the hope of securing the sympathy of the many unaffiliated who refuse to join us because they have been prejudiced by certain faults in our system and methods in the past, and because they are uninformed of our aims and work in the present. We, then, decided on the following plan: To have a series of mass meetings at stated times in the several temples and synagogues of San Francisco and vicinity, the same to be addressed by able speakers setting forth the mission of the Order, and each meeting to be followed up by personal interviews with those who attended the meeting. Pursuant to this plan, we drafted a letter to be sent to the Trustees of Temple Emanu-El requesting the use of the Temple for a mass meeting, stating its object, and asking that the congregation notify its members of the meeting. We laid our plan and the letter before the General Committee, and, thanks to my colleagues, they saw nothing seriously objectionable either in the letter or in the general plan. The use of the temple granted, we held a mass meeting on the 17th of April, the evening of the seventh day of Passover, when Dr. Martin Meyer, P. G. P., Otto Irving Wise and the Grand Orator delivered strong addresses. The renowned philanthropist, Mr. Nathan Straus, then visiting San Francisco, also addressed the audience. The meeting was poorly attended, we received no encouragement from any source to prosecute the campaign at home, so, the following Sunday, we left for the north in search of fields available for propaganda work away from home.

A detailed account of our efforts and exertions to accomplish what was accomplished would cover too much space. I am only happy to report to you that during the

year 1914 District Grand Lodge No. 4 gained nine new Lodges, and extended its jurisdiction over two more States, Nevada and Arizona. You will also be pleased to know that by reason of the increase of our membership our District will be represented at the General Convention next May by three more delegates.

The new Lodges were later duly installed: June 21st, Helena, Montana Lodge, by Brother S. Goodman of Baron de Hirsch Lodge; June 28th, Bellingham Lodge, Bellingham, Wash., by Brother J. Harris of Seattle; July 5th, Gray Harbor Lodge, Aberdeen, Wash., by Brother Theodore Feist of Tacoma; July 19th, Victoria Lodge, Victoria, B. C., by Brother D. N. Mosessohn of Portland, Ore.; August 2nd, Reno Lodge, Reno, Nevada, by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Orator and myself; September 13th, Everett Lodge, Everett, Wash., by Brother Aubrey Levy of Seattle. The organization of this Lodge was principally effected by the efforts of Brother L. Verstandig of Bellingham, Wash. November 15th, Tuscon Lodge, Tuscon, Arizona, by the Grand Orator, myself and Brother Rabbi Zielenka of El Paso, Tex., who, responding to our telegram, especially came over to help us organize the Lodge, and to whose efforts, and the high esteem in which he is held in the community of Tuscon, we attribute the establishment of that Lodge. November 17th, Bakersfield Lodge, by the Grand Orator, myself and Brother Solomon Peiser of Fresno. November 22nd, Berkeley Lodge, by the Grand Secretary, Brothers P. G. P. Lucius Solomons, P. G. P. Edmund Tauszky and myself. All these Lodges are in splendid working order, and nearly every one of them have since increased their membership.

Before dismissing this item you will permit me to say a word in behalf of our newly affiliated communities. Remarks have been made by some Brothers that these Lodges are no great acquisition to our District for the reason that their membership is but small in numbers. This, I must say, is a narrow way in judging these Lodges, and in viewing our mission. You may be informed that amongst the small membership of these new Lodges are merchants, financiers and professional men of high standing who are respected in their community and in their State as the finest type of American citizens. In the case of necessary protest by the B'nai B'rith against contemplated legislation by a State or in Washington, or against a municipal act or ordinance, that is prejudicial to the Jew, the influence of these brothers would certainly add force to our voice. Viewing it from a missionary point aside from the value of numbers to the District, the B'nai B'rith Lodges in these smaller communities have already been the means of bringing their scattered number closer to one another socially, and, as a body, of holding religious services occasionally, while before they were organized they were distant one from the other socially, and estranged from Judaism spiritually. I have communications in my possession which verify this statement, but for fear that I might offend some for their former neglect and indifference, I shall make no mention of names of places or persons. I feel convinced that every Lodge added to the Order, however small in numbers, strengthens the influence of the B'nai B'rith, and increases the vitality of Judaism.

Dissemination of Part of Grand Lodge Proceedings

It has been in vogue in past years that the printed pro-

ceedings of the Grand Lodge was mailed only to the representatives and to a few of B. B. dignitaries. The body membership remained in utter ignorance not only of the details of the Grand Lodge business except what they learned from hearsay, and that often distorted, but they were also deprived of the advantage of first-hand knowledge of that part of the order of the convention which would surely serve as a stimulus to the B'nai B'rith spirit. I therefore recommend that the Grand President's message be printed in pamphlet form, and have the same mailed to the Secretary of each Lodge, directing him to distribute them among all the members of his Lodge.

The Scope of the B'nai B'rith

This Grand Lodge, in its excessive zeal to widen its scope of activities, adopted at past sessions that certain religious practices, as memorial service, Passover Seder, and Sabbath Eve service prior to the convention, shall be held under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith. Upon riper deliberation it must become apparent to all of us that these practices, essentially meant for, and characteristically belonging to the Synagogue or the home, are outside of the sphere of the B'nai B'rith. The B'nai B'rith is not, was not intended to be, and must not try to become, a religious institution. The Order is primarily and solely a Jewish secular institution; that is, an institution whose scope it is to be in touch with, and aid the solution of, questions and problems which pertain to our rights as American citizens, which concern the betterment of the economic conditions and educational standard of our co-religionists who emigrate to this country, and which affect the civic and material welfare of our

brethren abroad. Here its sphere ends. When the B'nai B'rith protests against a public act that is militant to the Jew, or a public practice that is prejudicial to Jewish integrity, it acts not as our religious keeper but as our racial protector; namely, it undertakes to ward off malicious assaults upon our racial liberty and equality, and fanatic attacks upon our racial honor and personal character. But the religious work, the conservation of our religious rites, must be left to the home and to the synagogue. The B'nai B'rith stands, it is true, as a religious influence; it should, and does, awaken and refresh in the B'nai B'rith the power of fervor for all that is Jewish and religious, but the fixing of a date by a majority of votes in the Grand Lodge for the performance of religious rites and ceremonies at stated times is beyond the scope of the B'nai B'rith.

The forty-seventh session of this Grand Lodge, in 1910, considered two reports presented by a special committee on Free Religious Instruction. The majority report signed by Brothers Rabbi Jacob Bloch of Portland and Rabbi Sigmund Hecht of Los Angeles, favored the proposition to bring the religious instruction of the young within the scope of the B'nai B'rith work, and the minority report by Brother Rabbi M. Friedlander of Oakland did not favor that proposition upon the ground that the responsibility of conserving the religion of Israel rests first upon the home, then upon the synagogue, and lastly upon the Jewish community as such, and not upon a fraternal organization. The Grand Lodge then adopted the majority report. But two months later when that question came up before the General Convention of the Order that supreme body sustained the minority report of Brother Rabbi Friedlander upon the same ground.

With all my heart and soul I approve of every movement that go to preserve the beautiful rites and ceremonies of our holy faith, especially those ceremonies which have a moral bearing upon, and supply spiritual inspiration for, the life in which we move and live. But it must be clear that any attempt to transplant so impressive a ceremony as the Pesach Seder from the home, and so solemn a religious rite as "Memorial Service" from the Synagogue, to the halls of a fraternal organization, will end in weakening, if not destroying, the sacred sentiments attached to them. Let such a makeshift of the Seder and the Mazkir be allowed for one generation and they will suffer the same fate as the old-time Channukah is suffering since its celebration has been given over to the Sabbath School children; that beautiful and inspiring service once conducted by the head of the home and surrounded by the family, is turning, and, in many instances has already turned, into a cinderella performance on the stage.

I recommend that the adoption at previous sessions to conduct the above mentioned religious ceremonies and services under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith, shall be repealed.

Educational Endowment

As all inducements of a material character are being gradually eliminated from our institution, and our aim and object are claimed to be solely altruistic and philanthropic, it seems meet that we should do something of a tangible character that would bespeak encouragement of education. The B'nai B'rith Lodge of Urbana, Illinois, has voted for the university of that State a gift of \$50.00 to be used as an

Essay Prize Contest by the Jewish students on Jewish topics, as: Jewish Ideals of Education; The Talmud; Alexandrian Judaism; The Jews in America; et cetrum. Should not this Grand Lodge have a record of educational patronage?

There are in this country the following Jewish educational institutions of national standing supported by the Jews: The Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, The Theological Seminary of New York, The National Farm School in Pennsylvania, The Chautauqua Society, and the Menorah Society, consisting of Jewish student bodies of thirty-three colleges. In the University of California Brother Rabbi Friedlander organized the Jewish Student Body some five years ago under the name Calipha Club, which, over a year ago, has become a branch of, and changed its name to, the Menorah Society.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge endow the sum of \$100.00 to one of the above educational institutions, and that said sum be placed in the hands of a committee of five which shall have full power to determine as to which institution, and in what manner, this endowment shall be made.

B'nai B'rith Quarters

The Portland community may point with pride to the B'nai B'rith building erected this year by Theodore Herzl and Portland Lodges at the cost of \$50,000.00. The building is 100x100 and two stories high. It is equipped with library, gymnasium, ball court, club-rooms for young people, kitchen, banquet hall, with all accessories, handsomely

fitted and richly furnished. The building is conducted by a corporation called the B'nai B'rith Building Association, consisting of fifteen directors, of whom twelve are members of Theodore Herzl Lodge, and three of Portland Lodge, the chairman being Past Grand President Isaac Swett. The occupancy of their own home has brought fresh zeal and new activities in B'nai B'rith work in Portland.

Oakland Lodge, too, has been comfortably quartered this year in Covenant Hall adjoining the New Temple Sinai of the First Hebrew Congregation. When the Building Committee of the Congregation planned their new temple, Past Grand President Abraham Jonas, President of the Congregation, and ex-officio of the committee, gave a great deal of thought and care to the erection of a hall adjoining the Temple that would serve as B'nai B'rith quarters for all modern needs and purposes, and the plan was carried out in all its details. The main hall, club-rooms, billiard parlor, kitchen and banquet halls are beautifully fitted and handsomely furnished. Since their occupancy by the Lodge, increased B'nai B'rith activity has in every way been conspicuously in evidence.

The surest evidence of B'nai B'rith activity and growth is the ownership of a B'nai B'rith home. Permanent possession of a meeting place by the Lodge, however humble, engenders loyalty, enthusiasm and activity. It would, therefore, be well for every Lodge, especially in the larger cities, to make every effort towards the ownership of its B'nai B'rith quarters.

The State of the Order

Observation and experience attest to the healthful condition of the Order in the present, and justify the hope of greater achievement in the future. Perplexing problems have been satisfactorily solved, threatened weakness has been strengthened, and valuable forces have been added. As a philanthropic and educative institution the Order is taking deeper root in the appreciation of our friends, and as a vindicating power it is getting a more respectful hearing from our adversaries. Everywhere our co-religionists are becoming awake to the aims and work of the B'nai Brith, and in many instances Anti-Semitic assaults upon our honor and character have been stilled by the voice of the Order, and of our District.

While in the present dreadful upheaval in Europe and in Palestine it is beyond the power of our Order to give adequate succor and help to the myriads of our menaced and stricken brethren, the Order has not been unresponsive to their cry for help. Thousands of dollars have been, and will continue to be, collected and sent to our suffering brethren abroad, and District No. 4 has done, and will continue to do, its share of help.

Mournful as the situation is at present, we must not lose hope. We must look forward to a dawn of a greater brightness. Unswerving optimism has always been Israel's distinctive characteristic. His sweetest songs were penned with his bitterest tears; his brightest visions he saw through his darkest experience. We cherish the same optimism. In this destructive war we see the strangulation of Israel's bitterest enemy, Anti-Semitism. In these times

of mobilization, Israel realizes the necessity of having our small scattered forces spiritually united. In the presence of a crisis of helplessness we learn to stand ever more provided with greater help. In brief, we are learning that the B'nai B'rith is an institution of, and for, the people, and that our racial and spiritual existence is only then safe when it is anchored in a firmly united brotherhood of our people—of all our people, of all rank and position.

In Memoriam

Today we recall with sorrow the soft voice, dignified tone and serene face of Past Grand President Wallace A. Wise. He died April 9, 1914. With reverence for right, with love of truth in his heart, and with Jewish zeal in his soul, he often swayed over the Grand Lodge to high principles he so staunchly upheld and ably advocated.

We recall with affection the delightful countenance and inspiring presence of the Patriarch and First Grand President of this District, Jacob Greenebaum. He died September 9, 1914. By his love for his people and for the Order, he readily responded to the call of the B'nai B'rith at the age of 83 with the strength and agility of the age of 33, when he was the Nasai of this District. He was the first pilot who steered the destiny of District No. 4, and he had the joy of seeing it safely anchored in tranquil waters.

We recall with reverence the all-familiar personage, Past Grand President William Saalburg. He died September 19, 1914. With earnest vehemence and with conscious responsibility as the emissary of the Mother Lodge

of the District of which he was a proud pioneer, he was ever alert to fearlessly oppose, or paternally confirm, propositions in debate in the Grand Lodge.

We record with sorrow the death this year of Past Presidents: Wm. Galick, Baron de Hirsch 420, March 8; David Cohen, California 127, April 15; M. Ostrow, Theo. Herzl 314, April 28; S. Schloss, Ophir 21, May 25; Oscar Ross, Etham 37, September 20; David Michel, Montefiore 51, September 23; R. S. Calish, Modin 42, October 11; Jacob Goldstein, Columbia 127, November 6; Julius Bernstein, Unity 273, November 9.

"The Memory of the Righteous is for Blessing"

Religiously viewed it is to be regarded a happy coincidence that the first day of our session this year falls on a semi-holiday in the Jewish calendar, the 7th day in the month of Adar, traditionally the birthday and Yahrzeit of Moses. It is therefore doubly proper to set aside an hour today when a eulogy will be pronounced over our departed leaders and faithful builders. I set aside for that sacred duty the hour of two to three this afternoon.

Acknowledgment

The General Committee—My colleagues in the General Committee are, I am delighted to say, a fine type of Jewish and American manhood, and I acknowledge my obligation to them for their kind consideration of my deficiency, and their ready counsel and co-operation in all matters which concerned the furtherance of our interest.

The Lodges—I express my deep gratitude to the Brothers of all the Lodges, and, especially, to their Reception

Committees, for the brotherly welcome and generous courtesies they have shown me, and those who accompanied me during our visits with them, and for the interest they are taking in fostering and propagating the spirit of B'nai B'rith in their respective communities.

Grand Secretary—On behalf of the entire membership I acknowledge our indebtedness to the Grand Secretary, Brother I. J. Aschheim, for his efficiency, care and vigilance in the discharge of the many-fold duties of the office. As the Order is growing in potency as the acknowledged spokesman of the Jewish Brotherhood, the man entrusted with so important a post as Grand Secretary must be one who possesses not only integrity and efficiency, but also discretion and judgment in dealing with matters which concern the dignity of the District, and of the Order. And Brother I. J. Aschheim possesses these qualities in a superlative degree. His watchfulness against any infringement upon the dignity of the B'nai B'rith, equals, if not exceeds, the vigilance of a sentinel against the inroads of an enemy.

The Grand Orator, Rabbi M. Friedlander, has earned my heartfelt thanks. I wish to acknowledge before this Grand Lodge my thoroughgoing appreciation for the earnestness of his labors, for the constancy of his devotion, and for the depth of his zeal during the past year. These have placed this District under lasting obligations to him. If there has been any progress during my term; if there has been any increase of enthusiasm in our ranks; if there exists a better understanding of the ideals of the Order, Dr. Friedlander's eloquent voice and tireless efforts have been of substantive value towards these ends.

Conclusion

I close with thanksgiving to God for the will He has inspired in me, and the strength He has vouchsafed me, to devote a small part of my time and energy to the Cause of His Covenant with Israel, and with offering of gratitude to you, brethren, for finding me worthy of this blessed privilege. Never in the history of this institution was there a more pressing need for a united Israel than in the present when the largest part of the civilized world is disrupted by the bitterness and cruelty of warfare, and the greatest number of our world-scattered co-religionists are suffering dire calamities. We, here, in this country, under the grace of Providence and the protection of the Star Spangled Banner, enjoy Liberty, peace and prosperity; let us prove our appreciation of this three-fold blessing by holding out help and succor to our woe-stricken brethren. And this can be done effectively only through community of action such as our Order stands for.

In the large domain of our District there is much soil where the seed of the B'nai B'rith spirit has not yet taken root. We must not give it up as hopelessly barren. We must persist in its cultivation. We must give it more inspiration and more awakening. We cannot sufficiently and too often emphasize that the ever-widening scope of our beloved Order is the great hope for a world organization of our scattered people, by means of which alone we shall be able to lighten our burdens, assert our rights, and gain merited respect and recognition from a hitherto biased humanity. Therefore, we must not rest until the hand and heart of every worthy Jew, of every rank and

position, who stands aloof from us, are sympathetically drawn to us, and fraternally linked to us.

As for me, I shall soon lay down the custodianship of this exalted office with the same prayer I offered when you entrusted it to me a year ago, invoking Divine aid that I may be permitted to be, and to remain, loyal and useful to the cause of the B'nai B'rith, for God, for truth, and for the household of Israel.

Morris N. Schneider

Grand Secretary's Report

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.,
Representatives:

I have the honor of submitting to you my Eighteenth
Annual Report.

FINANCIAL

Secretary's Cash Account

	Sundry Re- ceipts	Total Col- lections	Deposited with Treasurer	
			Grand Lodge Fund	Premium Fund
January, Withdrawn from Bank	\$313.59	\$ 4,169.73	\$ 403.75	\$4,079.57
February		1,451.76	1,109.41	342.35
March, Loan from B. B. E. F...	500.00	900.55	587.80	812.75
April		1,335.75	1,243.25	92.50
May		1,879.15	1,774.90	104.25
June		1,034.00	956.70	77.30
July		1,382.23	1,289.65	92.58
August		1,702.65	1,636.50	66.15
September		1,455.35	1,388.35	67.00
October		1,894.40	1,788.50	105.90
November		1,209.90	1,135.75	74.15
December		1,075.50	1,015.35	60.15
	\$813.59	\$19,490.97	\$14,329.91	\$5,974.65

Recapitulation

Receipts and Deposits by the Secretary:

Collections for 1914	\$19,490.97
Loan from B. B. Endowment Fund Asso- ciation	500.00
Withdrawn from Mutual Savings Bank.....	313.59
Deposited with Treasurer—Grand Lodge Fund	\$14,329.91
Deposited with Treasurer—Premium Fund..	5,974.65
	\$20,304.56 \$20,304.56

TREASURER'S GRAND LODGE FUND.

Receipts

Balance in Fund December 31, 1913.....	\$ 1,318.46
District Grand Lodge Dues	\$7,295.25
Constitution Grand Lodge Tax	4,786.50
Gymnasium Assessment	1,503.90
Propaganda Money from Executive Committee	
—for 1914	300.00
Extra Allowance for 1914	200.00
B. B. Library—Reimbursement	97.20
Purim Collections	70.00
On Paraphernalia Account	47.50
Rebate on Mileage Book	19.11
Interests and Overpay	10.45
	14,329.91
	\$15,648.37

Disbursements

Constitution G. L. Tax, 3,344 members at \$1.50 per capita..	\$ 5,016.00
Salaries of Secretary, Messenger and Clerk	2,775.00
Gymnasium Committee—total levy	1,521.00
Office Rent	900.00
Withdrawn for Entertainment Fund	836.00
Mileage—Session of 1914	769.75
Incidentals	658.32
Propaganda Expenditures	519.11
Printing	511.00
Grand President's Allowance	500.00
Jewish Orphans' Home of Southern California	250.00
Postage	164.00
Paraphernalia Investment	122.75
Library—Cash advanced	97.20
Stationery	87.90
Purim Money transmitted to Executive Committee.....	70.00
Intellectual Advancement Committee	68.25
Committee of Fifty	50.00
Funeral Expenses	15.15
Draft drawn in place of rejected Check.....	7.50
	\$14,938.93
Balance in Fund December 31, 1914	709.44
	\$15,648.37

TREASURER'S CURRENT PREMIUM FUND.

Receipts

Balance in Fund December 31, 1913.....	\$ 516.05
Premium Collections for 1914	\$2,282.50
Interests and Dividends	2,852.68
Loan from B. B. Endowment Fund Association	500.00
Withdrawn from Mutual Savings Bank.....	313.59
Cash balance from Secretary of B. B. E. F.....	19.28
Overpayment	6.60
	5,974.65
	\$6,490.70

Disbursements

Five Endowment Claims of 1913.....	\$4,000.00
Transferred to the Rental Department	1,100.00
Purchased from B. B. Hall Association:	
Two Shares Firemen's Fund Stock	825.00
Purchased Two Shares B. B. Hall Association Stock.....	20.00
Cost in the Benjamin Litigation	298.45
Cost of adjusting distribution of Stock.....	115.00
	\$6,358.45
Balance in Fund December 31, 1914.....	132.25
	\$6,490.70

CONDITION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1914

Drawn in full

Salaries	\$2,775.00
Rents	900.00
Grand President's Allowance	500.00
Mileage—Session of 1914	769.75
Jewish Orphans' Home, Los Angeles.....	250.00

Printing

Appropriation	\$ 450.00	
Deficit		61.00
Proceedings of 1914, including all extras.....	\$ 375.00	
Fifty Monthly Report Books	42.50	
Grand President's bill	18.50	
Two Mill Application Blanks	18.25	
Circular Letters and Application Cards.....	17.00	
Synopsis of Proceedings	13.75	
Engrossing Lodge Charters	12.00	
One Thousand Medical Examination Blanks.....	8.00	
Addresses and Letterheads	6.00	
	\$ 511.00	\$ 511.00

Incidentals

Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Changed to Rental Department (Telephone Service)		95.04
Deficit		63.28
Typewriter Service	332.25	
Telephone Service	95.04	
Telegraph Service	69.10	
Engrossing Resolutions of Condolence	41.50	
Auditor's Bill	30.00	
Treasurer's and Secretary's Bonds	25.00	
Employers' Liability	21.37	
Safe Deposit Box	12.00	
Emanuel and Jewish Times	10.00	
Binding and Lettering "Records"	3.05	
Sundry Minor Bills	19.01	
	\$ 658.32	\$ 658.32

Postage

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Deficit		14.00
Mailing Executive Committee Reports, Grand Lodge Proceedings, Correspondence in connection with the distribution of Stock and routine, including Postals and Expressage.....	\$ 164.00	
	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00

Stationery

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Grand President's Bills	\$ 37.75	
Document and Clasp'd Envelopes	8.55	
Stamped Envelopes	7.00	
Binding Proceedings and Aux. Rituals.....	6.45	
Minute Book for General Committee.....	5.25	
Pens, Pencils, and etc.....	4.10	
Falcon Files	3.25	
Legal Cap for Typewriter and Documents.....	3.00	
Assorted Rubber Bands	2.95	
Bill from Bellingham, Wash.	2.25	
Sundries	7.35	
Unexpended balance	12.10	
	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Intellectual Advancement Committee.

Balance in Fund 1913		\$ 94.75
Printing bill for Service at Temple:		
Emanuel April 17, 1914	\$ 23.25	
Choir on same occasion	45.00	
Unexpended balance	26.50	
	\$ 94.75	\$ 94.75

Propaganda Account

February 5, 1914. Rebate on Secretary's Mileage Book	\$ 19.11	
November 6. Annual Allotment by Executive Committee		300.00
February 12. Extra Allotment by Executive Committee		200.00
Paid Junior P. G. Golden (Fresno trip February 9, 1914)	\$ 19.11	
Secretary's expense to Reno	14.40	
D. N. Mosessoehn's trip to Victoria	25.00	
Verstandig's trip to Everett	8.50	
General Propaganda expense for 1914.....	452.10	
	\$ 519.11	\$ 519.11

Contingent Account

Appropriation	\$ 100.00	
Allowance to Committee of Fifty	\$ 50.00	
Unexpended Balance	50.00	
	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

B. B. Library Fund

Balance in Fund December 31, 1913.....	\$1,707.74	
Dividend from Savings Union Bank and Trust Co.		26.47
Two coupons—Pac. Tel. & Tel. Co.....		50.00
Expended in 1914	\$ 97.20	
Balance in Fund :		
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Bond.....	1,027.89	
Savings Union Bank and Trust Co.....	659.12	
	\$1,784.21	\$1,784.21

Itemized Expenditures

Subscriptions to Weeklies and Periodicals.....	\$ 60.55
International Year Book—Encyclopedia	5.40
German and English Judæica	15.95
Sundry Books of the Hour	15.30
	\$97.20

Gymnasium Fund

First and Second Assessments for 1914 on S. F. Lodges		\$ 755.40
Third and Fourth Assessments for 1914 on S. F. Lodges		765.60
Paid Gymnasium Committee—Eight Install- ments at \$150.00	\$1,200.00	
Paid Gymnasium Committee—Two Installments at \$77.70	155.40	
Paid Gymnasium Committee—Two Installments at \$82.80	165.60	
	\$1,521.00	\$1,521.00

Entertainment Fund

Deposited in German Bank		\$1,924.97
Amount of 1913 Assessment	\$ 853.00	
Amount of 1914 Assessment	836.00	
Contributed by Committee of Fifty	200.00	
Dividend for 1914	35.97	
	\$1,924.97	\$1,924.97

Paraphernalia Account

Purchased Three Silk Banners with Ark at \$17.50	\$ 52.50	
Purchased Three Cords at \$6.00.....	18.00	
Purchased Four Tablets, Woodwork and Lettering	12.00	
Purchased Two Menorahs at \$16.50.....	33.00	
Bill of Pasquale for Crooks and Stands.....	8.50	
Photographs	2.50	
Cartage	1.75	
Charged against Grays Harbor Lodge	\$ 47.50	
Charged against Reno Lodge	29.25	
Charged against Bakersfield Lodge	46.00	
	\$ 122.75	
Charged against Incidental Account for One Tablet and Photographs	5.50	
	\$ 128.25	\$ 128.25

PURIM FUND

Transmitted to Executive Committee	\$ 70.00	
Ophir 21 Contribution	\$ 5.00	
Montefiore 51 Contribution	5.00	
Hope 126 Contribution	5.00	
Columbia 127 Contribution	5.00	
Golden Gate 129 Contribution	5.00	
Oakland 252 Contribution	5.00	
Cremieux 325 Contribution	5.00	
Occidental 345 Contribution	10.00	
Portland 416 Contribution	10.00	
Los Angeles 487 Contribution	10.00	
Hildesheimer 503 Contribution	5.00	
	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00

FUNERAL ACCOUNT

Transferred to Deficit Account	\$ 15.15	
Floral Pieces at Funerals of Jacob Greenebaum and Wallace A. Wise	\$ 7.50	
Advertising both Funerals and that of Wm. Saalburg	7.61	
	\$ 15.15	\$ 15.15

DRAWN ON CURRENT PREMIUM ACCOUNT.

Amount drawn	\$ 413.45	
Pernau Publishing Co.:		
Appellants Opening Brief in the Benjamin Case	\$ 20.40	
Appellants Reply Brief in the Benjamin Case	28.05	
Attorney's Fees	250.00	
Actuary's Fees Adjusting the Distribution of Stock	115.00	
	\$ 413.45	\$ 413.45

B. B. HALL ASSOCIATION INVESTMENT

Debits

Total Investment reported in 1913.....	\$155,975.00
Additional Investment in 1914:	
Purchased from B. B. Endowment Fund As- sociation on Note, 6,140 Shares at \$8.50 per	52,190.00
Purchased from Oscar Ross, 2 Shares at \$10.00	20.00

Credits

Premiums paid for Stock in 1908, written off by General Committee	\$ 8,295.00
Feb. 10, 1914. Distributed 18,514 Shares at \$10	185,140.00
Mar. 25, 1914. Distributed 374 Shares at \$10	3,740.00
Apr. 29, 1914. Distributed 226 Shares at \$10	2,260.00
May 24, 1914. Distributed 158 Shares at \$10	1,580.00
July 11, 1914. Distributed 32 Shares at \$10	320.00
19,304	\$201,335.00
Grand Lodge holds 685 Shares at \$10	6,850.00
Totals..... 19,989 Shares	\$208,185.00 \$208,185.00

OVERDRAFTS AND BALANCES

Overdrafts

Jubilee Deficit Account	\$ 115.89
Incidentals	63.28
Printing	61.00
Funeral	15.15
Postage	14.00

Unexpended Balances

Contingent Account	\$ 50.00
Intellect Advancement	26.50
Stationery Account	12.10
Net Overdrafts	180.72
	\$ 269.32 \$ 269.32

GRAND LODGE FUND

Total Levy of Per Capita for 1914.....	\$7,175.65	
Appropriation for Deficit of 1913	119.10	
Deficit for 1914	296.60	
Expended Appropriations in 1914.....	\$7,464.20	
Deficit of 1913	119.10	
Draft rejected	7.50	
B. F. Peixotto Lodge Credit.....	.55	
	\$7,591.35	\$7,591.35

MONTHLY PREMIUM ACCOUNT

1914

Credits

January and February Collections from Lodges	\$ 370.85
March to December Collections from Individual Members	889.25

Debits

Counter Charges for Suspended Members, etc..\$	55.55	
Net Collections for 1914, including One Open		
Account of \$35.50	1,204.55	
	\$1,260.10	\$1,260.10

RELIEF FUND OF 1906

Balance in Bank of California as per Trustees		
Report, of 1913 (See Page 98).....	\$ 155.84	
October 16, 1914. Donated to War Sufferers'		
Fund per Executive Committee	\$ 155.84	
	\$ 155.84	\$ 155.84

NOTES

Outstanding as per Report of 1913 (Page 80)....	\$10,745.00	
December 31. Paid First Installment of 25 per		
cent	\$ 2,686.25	
Balance remaining	8,058.75	
	\$10,745.00	\$10,745.00

RENTAL DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

December 12, 1914. Assumed payment of First	
Installment on Outstanding Notes	\$ 2,686.25
Interest on same	429.80
Telephone expense for 1914 charged against	
Department	\$ 95.04
Loan	1,100.00
Balance—Credit	1,921.01
	\$ 3,116.05 \$ 3,116.05

TRIAL BALANCE

December 31, 1914

B. B. Hall Association Investment.....	\$ 6,850.00
German Savings and Loan Society (Entertain-	
ment Fund)	1,924.97
Anglo-California Trust Co.	1,406.57
Bond Account (Library property)	1,027.89
Grand Lodge Fund to Premium Fund.....	885.00
Firemen's Fund Stock	825.00
Savings Union Bank & Trust Co. (Library	
Money)	659.12
Sundry Lodge and Member Accounts.....	520.75
Grand Lodge Fund (Per Capita)	296.60
Deficit Account for 1914	269.32
Treasurer's Account (Per Capita Money).....	709.44
Treasurer's Account (Premium Money).....	132.25
Notes Payable	\$ 8,058.75
Entertainment Fund	1,924.97
Rental Department	1,921.01
Library Fund	1,687.01
General Widow and Orphans' B. Fund.....	1,018.77
Premium Fund due from Grand Lodge Fund....	885.00
Members' Account	11.40
	\$15,506.91 \$15,506.91

STATISTICAL

Number of Lodges reported in 1913	29
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Instituted in 1914:	
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Helena-Montana, No. 755, Montana;	
Bellingham, No. 756, Washington;	
Grays Harbor, No. 757, Aberdeen, Wash.;	
Victoria, No. 758, British Columbia;	
Reno, No. 760, Nevada;	
Everett, No. 761, Washington;	
Tucson, No. 763, Arizona;	
Bakersfield, No. 764, California;	
Berkeley, No. 765, California.	

Total	9
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Present total	38
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Membership

Net number reported for 1913	3344
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Initiated in 1914	657
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Affiliated in 1914	44
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Restored in 1914	92
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Gain	793
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Gross number	4137
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Suspended in 1914	289
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Withdrawn in 1914	187
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Died in 1914	51
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Error in previous computation	10
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Total loss	537
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Net membership	3600
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Recapitulation

Net membership in 1914	3600
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Net membership in 1913	3344
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Net gain	256
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TABLE I.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
December 31, 1914

LODGE	Location	Organized	Membership Dec. 31, 1913	Initiated	Affiliated	Restored	Total Gains	Suspended	Withdrawn	Error	Died	Total Loss	Membership Dec. 31, 1914
Ophir 21	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 13, 1855	80	16	1	---	17	10	2	---	3	15	82
Etham 37	Sacramento, Cal.	Dec. 19, 1858	100	24	2	---	26	9	---	---	3	12	114
Modin 42	San Francisco, Cal.	Feb. 20, 1860	73	4	---	---	4	6	1	---	2	9	68
Pacific 48	"	Nov. 29, 1863	51	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	51
Montefiore 51	"	Mar. 20, 1864	149	40	1	1	42	4	7	---	2	13	178
Miriam 56	Marysville, Cal.	May 8, 1864	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15
Hope 126	Stockton, Cal.	Feb. 7, 1869	55	19	1	1	21	3	1	---	1	2	70
Columbia 127	San Francisco, Cal.	Apr. 5, 1869	128	5	1	1	6	6	5	---	2	6	118
Golden Gate 129	"	May 5, 1869	159	4	---	3	7	14	8	---	4	26	140
California 163	"	July 16, 1871	159	4	---	2	6	4	5	1	5	15	150
Paradise 237	San Bernardino, Cal.	Apr. 20, 1875	34	3	---	1	4	3	2	---	---	5	33
Ariel 248	San Jose, Cal.	July 25, 1875	21	2	---	12	14	---	8	---	2	10	25
Oakland 252	Oakland, Cal.	Nov. 28, 1875	182	24	5	10	39	16	8	---	2	26	195
Unity 273	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 11, 1877	204	17	2	1	20	6	2	---	3	11	213
Theo. Herzl 314	Portland, Ore.	Oct. 12, 1904	162	18	3	4	25	27	9	---	1	37	150
Creminieux 325	San Francisco, Cal.	Jan. 26, 1881	133	19	1	1	21	15	5	9	---	29	125
Occidental 345	"	Nov. 6, 1883	123	17	---	---	17	14	8	---	5	27	113
Lasker 370	San Diego, Cal.	June 26, 1887	59	3	---	2	5	6	5	---	---	11	53
Portland 416	Portland, Ore.	May 31, 1891	102	1	1	---	2	---	8	---	---	8	96
Baron de Hirsch 420	Butte, Mont.	Mar. 15, 1892	69	10	---	1	11	4	1	---	1	6	74

TABLE I.—Continued.

LODGE	Location	Organized	Membership Dec. 31, 1913	Initiated	Affiliated	Restored	Total Gains	Suspended	Withdrawn	Error	Died	Total Loss	Membership Dec. 31, 1914
B. F. Peixotto 421	Salt Lake, Utah	Mar. 13, 1892	100	7	---	---	7	---	3	---	---	3	104
Abr. Geiger 423	Spokane, Wash.	Mar. 21, 1892	119	24	---	10	34	13	4	---	---	17	136
Nathan Falk 481	Boise, Idaho	Nov. 26, 1899	42	1	---	---	1	1	3	---	---	5	38
Los Angeles 487	Los Angeles, Cal.	Nov. 28, 1899	517	44	10	3	57	22	69	---	3	94	480
Hildesheimer 503	Seattle, Wash.	Oct. 28, 1900	214	19	---	8	27	42	5	---	4	51	190
Rainier 627	"	May 28, 1907	141	19	2	1	22	15	5	---	1	21	142
Samuel 668	Vancouver, B. C.	July 26, 1910	56	38	6	30	74	31	7	---	1	39	91
Fresno 723	Fresno, Cal.	Dec. 15, 1912	22	14	---	---	14	3	2	---	---	5	31
Tacoma 741	Tacoma, Wash.	June 16, 1913	73	14	2	---	16	11	1	---	---	12	77
Helena, Mont., 755	Helena, Mont.	June 21, 1914	---	36	1	---	37	1	2	---	---	3	34
Bellingham 756	Bellingham, Wash.	June 28, 1914	---	40	---	---	40	---	---	---	---	3	40
Grays Harbor 757	Aberdeen, Wash.	July 5, 1914	---	20	2	---	22	---	1	---	---	1	21
Victoria 758	Victoria, B. C.	July 19, 1914	---	27	1	---	28	---	---	---	---	---	28
Reno 760	Reno, Nev.	Aug. 2, 1914	---	27	2	---	29	---	---	---	---	---	29
Everett 761	Everett, Wash.	Sept. 13, 1914	---	35	---	---	35	1	---	---	---	1	34
Tuscon 763	Tuscon, Ariz.	Nov. 15, 1914	---	35	---	---	35	---	---	---	---	---	34
Bakersfield 764	Bakersfield, Cal.	Nov. 17, 1914	---	35	---	---	35	---	---	---	1	1	34
Berkeley 765	Berkeley, Cal.	Nov. 22, 1914	---	27	1	---	28	---	---	---	---	---	28
Total			3,344	657	44	92	793	289	187	10	51	537	3,600

Tucson report not obtainable.

TABLE II.
FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SUBORDINATE
LODGES
December 31, 1914

LODGE	Balance Dec. 31, 1913	Total Receipts	Total Expen- ditures	Balance Dec. 31, 1914
Ophir 21	\$ 6,778.97	\$ 1,110.35	\$ 1,471.80	\$ 6,417.52
Etham 37	2,999.28	1,506.84	2,049.38	2,456.74
Modin 42	6,061.79	1,126.00	1,576.70	5,611.09
Pacific 48	3,669.62	862.49	1,043.20	3,488.91
Montefiore 51	11,692.30	3,021.48	2,763.50	11,950.28
Miriam 56	446.30	149.80	289.75	306.35
Hope 126	3,404.51	941.60	962.35	3,383.76
Columbia 127	6,646.05	2,170.36	2,448.05	6,368.36
Golden Gate 129	7,323.88	2,546.42	3,114.76	6,755.54
California 163	8,179.97	2,527.43	3,267.15	7,440.25
Paradise 237	51.12	357.50	312.00	96.62
Ariel 248 .....	.....	226.00	156.25	69.75
Oakland 252	2,129.03	2,030.75	1,954.36	2,205.42
Unity 273	4,547.35	3,006.24	2,734.44	4,819.15
Theo. Herzl 314	2,872.31	1,816.72	2,212.14	2,476.89
Cremieux 325	2,128.17	1,994.40	1,846.70	2,275.87
Occidental 345	6,630.95	1,994.88	2,533.25	6,092.58
Lasker 370	480.19	553.85	764.85	269.19
Portland 416	4,085.65	1,326.21	1,524.92	3,886.94
B. de Hirsch 420	1,036.99	771.20	769.82	1,038.37
B. F. Peixotto 421..	4,469.85	1,241.44	1,255.93	4,455.36
Abr. Geiger 423.....	278.64	839.90	915.47	203.07
Nathan Falk 481.....	410.06	243.14	247.90	405.30
Los Angeles 487.....	5,836.14	5,841.40	5,185.45	6,492.09
Hildesheimer 503	2,862.02	2,339.60	2,510.79	2,690.83
Rainier 627	456.00	1,540.00	1,755.26	240.74
Samuel 668	1,161.83	983.55	772.74	1,372.64
Fresno 723	246.81	347.00	377.66	216.15
Tacoma 741	380.25	854.25	846.25	388.25
Helena, Mont., 755..	.....	80.00	44.99	35.01
Bellingham 756 .....	.....	80.00	60.00	20.00
Grays Harbor 757.....	.....	89.65	84.10	5.55
Victoria 758 .....	.....	244.75	193.80	50.95
Reno 760 .....	.....	120.00	49.25	70.75
Everett 761 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuscon 763 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersfield 764 .....	.....	48.00	.....	48.00
Berkeley 765 .....	.....	9.00	5.70	3.30
Total.....	\$97,266.03	\$44,942.20	\$48,100.66	\$94,107.57

TABLE III.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914

LODGE	Jan.-Feb. 1914	Benefits to Sick	Interest Taxes	Insurance	Funeral Expenses	Donations	District Grand Lodge	Constitution Grand Lodge	San Francisco Gymnasium	Losses in Book Accounts	Sundry Expenditures	Total
Ophir 21	\$ 84.55	\$ 355.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 169.80	\$ 120.06	\$ 74.80		\$ 362.65	\$ 1,471.80
Etham 37	119.45	267.00			200.00	631.00	221.80	150.00			460.13	2,049.38
Modin 42	104.20	460.00			125.00	10.00	153.40	109.50	112.50		502.10	1,576.70
Pacific 48	6.00	205.00			50.00	55.00	107.45	76.50	60.00	90.00	393.25	1,043.20
Montefiore 51	130.45	770.00			150.00	100.00	335.75	223.50	187.20		866.60	2,763.50
Miriam 56	3.80	20.00			25.00	180.00	35.45	25.50				289.75
Hope 126		136.00			80.00	135.00	130.35	82.50			398.50	962.35
Columbia 127	108.25	534.50			425.00	150.00	268.60	192.00	150.00		619.70	2,448.05
Golden Gate 129	128.10	1,037.00			341.00	125.00	340.75	238.50	190.20	148.63	565.58	3,114.76
California 163	16.80	1,260.00			262.50	319.00	339.65	238.50	189.40		641.30	3,267.15
Paradise 237	35.50						94.55	51.00			130.95	312.00
Ariel 248	5.40						85.35	31.50			34.00	156.25
Oakland 252							286.25	136.50			1,531.61	1,954.36
Unity 273	26.25	737.50			100.00	50.00	449.60	306.00	250.80		814.29	2,734.44
Theo. Herzl 314	46.23	25.00				300.50	337.10	243.00			1,260.31	2,212.14
Grenieux 325	164.05	290.00				130.00	295.85	199.50	165.00		602.30	1,846.70
Occidental 345	46.60	752.50			300.00	212.75	262.25	184.50	146.40		628.25	2,533.25
Lasker 370						225.45	119.15	88.50			331.75	764.85
Portland 416						355.00	216.00	153.00			800.92	1,524.92
B. de Hirsch 420					75.00		149.45	103.50			441.87	769.82
B. F. Peixotto 42						233.49	221.05	150.00			651.39	1,255.93

TABLE III.—Continued.

LODGE	Premiums Jan.-Feb. 1914	Benefits to Sick	Interest Taxes	Insurance	Funeral Expenses	Donations	District Grand Lodge Dues	Constitution Grand Lodge Dues	San Francisco Gymnasium	Losses in Book Accounts	Sundry Expenditures	Total
Abr. Geiger 423					10.00	115.00	278.95	178.50	.....	.....	333.02	915.47
Nathan Falk 481						35.25	90.30	63.00	.....	.....	59.35	247.90
Los Angeles 487	8.40	.....	990.74	.....	.....	55.00	1,022.25	775.50	.....	.....	2,333.56	5,185.45
Hildesheimer 503	14.40	545.00	.....	.....	175.00	117.50	443.60	321.00	.....	.....	894.29	2,510.79
Rainier 627							309.75	211.50	.....	.....	1,234.01	1,755.26
Samuel 668						60.00	221.65	84.00	.....	.....	407.09	772.74
Fresno 723						50.00	59.40	33.00	.....	89.10	146.16	377.66
Tacoma 741						223.65	83.60	109.50	.....	.....	429.50	846.25
Helena, Mont., 755											44.99	.....
Bellingham 756											60.00	60.00
Grays Harbor 757											84.10	84.10
Victoria 758											193.80	193.80
Reno 760											49.25	49.25
Everett 761												
Tuscon 763												
Bakersfield 764												
Berkeley 765												
	\$1,048.43	\$7,394.50	\$990.74	\$2,518.50	\$3,973.59	\$7,129.10	\$4,879.50	\$1,526.30	\$327.73	\$18,312.27	\$48,100.66	

TABLE IV.

**RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
IN THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1914**

Net Assets December 31, 1913	\$ 97,266.03
Total Receipts for 1914	44,942.20
	\$142,208.23

Expenditures

Premiums for January and February, 1914.....	\$ 1,048.43	
Benefits to Sick	7,394.50	
Interest, Taxes and Insurance	990.74	
Funeral Expenses	2,518.50	
Donations	3,973.59	
District Grand Lodge Dues	7,129.10	
Constitution Grand Lodge Dues	4,879.50	
Gymnasium Assessment	1,526.30	
Losses in Book Accounts	327.73	
Sundry Lodge Expenses	18,312.27	48,100.66
Balance of Assets		\$94,107.57
Shrinkage for 1914		3,158.46
		\$97,266.03

Assets

In hands of Treasurers	\$ 7,073.23
Deposits in Banks	40,739.56
Notes	10,240.00
Bonds	16,355.55
Real Estate	7,490.00
Mortgages	2,500.00
Building and Loan Stock	7,833.28
Book Accounts	985.28
Furniture and Regalia	890.67
Total	\$94,107.57

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED BY THE GRAND PRESIDENT

The following Lodges were granted Dispensations to hold regular meetings on days other than provided for by their respective by-laws:

February 18, 1914—Columbia 127 to meet February 23, 1914.

August 26, 1914—Montefiore 51 to meet September 28, 1914.

October 4, 1914—Columbia 127 to meet October 19, 1914.

November 23, 1914—California 163 to meet November 24, 1914.

December 25, 1914—California 163 to meet December 27, 1914.

January 26, 1915—Unity 273 to meet February 15, 1915.

February 11, 1915—Columbia 127 to meet February 15, 1915.

Lodges were given Dispensations to adjourn over the months of July and August as follows:

June 10, 1914—Portland Lodge 416.

June 12, 1914—Rainier Lodge 627.

June 22, 1914—Theodore Herzl 314.

The following Lodges were given Dispensations to receive applications for membership, ballot on the same without reference to Investigating Committee and if ballot results favorably to initiate the candidate, all at one and the same meeting.

September 1, 1914—Etham Lodge 37.

September 2, 1914—Hope Lodge 126.

November 13, 1914—Columbia Lodge 127.

December 14, 1914—Unity Lodge 273.

On June 26 Theodor Herzl No. 314 was given a Dispensation to hold its regular meetings at indefinite intervals pending its negotiations with the B'nai B'rith Building Association for a Meeting Hall.

On December 29 Berkeley Lodge No. 765 was given a Dispensation to hold its election January 13, 1915, its by-laws being still incompleated.

Representatives :

We are closing a term that will stand upon our records as one by no means lacking in activity. Brother Schneider has his own way of doing propaganda work and though his ways cannot be imitated by anybody, they bring their results. He is certainly the very embodiment of an enthusiastic Ben B'rith, and no one can question his sincerity. The number of Lodges he has established is a record which has called forth the admiration of other Districts, and he has been the recipient of many congratulations from our brethren in the East. Some of those Lodges have undoubtedly taken root in their communities and will, in the course of time, assume stability and be enrolled among the fixed and permanent Lodges of the District. Others will require a great deal of training and for a while they will have to be taught lessons of method and discipline. I have no doubt that in the end they also will prove valuable acquisitions. Certain it is that all the brethren comprising those Lodges, without distinction, were moved

by the proper spirit and the desire to enroll themselves as Jews who are willing to share their part of the work of "improving the mental and moral character of our race."

In speaking of this efficient piece of work we cannot be altogether oblivious of the part played by his official colleague, Grand Orator Brother M. Friedlander. The brother has a habit of merging his personality into every activity he undertakes, but never is this as manifest as when he engages in the services of our Order. He seems, so to say, to become dissolved in his ardor and carry everybody else with him. This no doubt was part of the secret of Brother Schneider's success, something that Brother Schneider himself is generous enough to acknowledge.

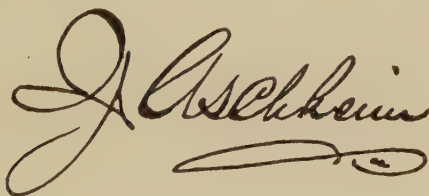
Brethren, this year we will see the Supreme Body of our Order assemble in our city and we shall have with us men whose names for almost a generation have been household words in our assemblages. This event we have been looking forward to for a great many years, and to make it a success we have been expending a great deal of thought, time and energy. Our visiting brethren have their own ideas of California hospitality, a little overdrawn perhaps, yet pardonable from the fact that to the world California is the "Promised Land." To live up to that reputation will be our duty. It will be a sweet burden and we shall exult under it. But the work cannot be left to one or two, much as Chairman Otto I. Wise has undertaken and will undoubtedly accomplish. Everybody who will be called upon to do his share must perform it energetically and without complaint. It is only in that manner that we shall be able to prove to our friends that what they have heard about California is indeed true and that half had not been told.

Let us unite our strength and make the General Convention of 1915 linger in the memory of those in attendance, so that they will forever after sigh for dear old "Frisco" (forgive me this piece of tender-foot flippancy).

I now desire to express my thanks to the retiring Grand President, Brother Schneider, for the many personal courtesies he has shown me and to the General Committee for its continued confidence. The Finance Committee as well as all other Grand Lodge committees are likewise asked to accept my thanks for allowing the year to go by so pleasantly.

Wishing the Representatives a harmonious session and individual happiness, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. Aschheim". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Grand Treasurer's Report

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: I have the honor of herewith submitting to you my fifth annual report as your Treasurer.

GRAND LODGE FUND

December 31, 1913, balance in Bank.....	\$ 1,318.46
Total deposits in 1914 (see Secretary's Report).....	14,329.91
	\$15,648.37

Disbursements

Drafts 329 to 436	\$14,938.93
Balance in Bank	709.44
	\$15,648.37

MONTHLY PREMIUM FUND

December 31, 1913, balance in Bank.....	\$ 516.05
Total deposits in 1914	5,974.65
	\$ 6,490.70

Disbursements

Drafts 170-187	\$ 6,358.45
Balance in Bank	132.25
	\$ 6,490.70

RENTAL DEPARTMENT

Total deposits in 1914	\$10,330.99
Disbursements	
Drafts 1 to 119	\$10,307.22
Balance in Bank	23.77
	\$10,330.99

AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ANGLO-CALIFORNIA

TRUST CO.

December 31, 1914

Grand Lodge Fund	\$ 709.44
Monthly Premium Fund	132.25
Rental Department	23.77
Total	\$ 865.46

Fraternally submitted,

JOS. L. GOLDSMITH, Treasurer.

GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: We herewith submit to you our annual report as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

December 31, 1915, balance as per last report.....	\$ 313.59
January 3, 1914, cash withdrawn and merged with monthly premium account	\$313.59

LIBRARY CASH ACCOUNT

December 31, 1913, balance in Savings Union Bank.....	\$ 679.85
Interest on above account	26.47
Collected 2 Coupons on Tel. bond.....	50.00
	\$ 756.32
Sundry expenses during the year	\$ 97.20
In Savings Union Bank	659.12
	\$756.32

RELIEF FUND OF 1906

December 31, 1913, balance in Bank of California.....	\$ 155.84
October 16, 1914, donated to War Sufferers' Relief Fund	\$155.84

ENDOWMENT MONEY

July 27, 1914, transferred from B. B. E. F. Association and deposited in Anglo-California Trust Bank:	
Per Savings Union Bank	\$ 124.10
Per German Savings & Loan Society	1,259.43
December 31, 1914, interest on above account.....	23.04
Total.....	\$1,406.57

All the B. B. Hall Association Stock reported last year as being in our custody has since been distributed among the Endowment Members, and we now hold but 685 Shares belonging to the Grand Lodge. This may also be distributed in time as the remaining 10 Endowment Members may surrender their Beneficiary Certificates. We also hold 2 Shares of Firemen's Fund Insurance Stock and 1 Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. bond.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND TAUSZKY,
HENRY MAUSER,
MILTON MEYER,
Trustees.

RENTAL DEPARTMENT

Secretary's Report

1914

OFFICE RECEIPTS FOR 1914

Receipts

Rents from Lodge Tenants	\$ 5,897.00
Rents from Stores	2,905.00
Rents from Transients	150.00
Gymnasium Committee for light and water	363.60
Loan from Premium Fund.....	1,100.00
	\$10,424.60

Deposits

Deposited during 1914 in the Anglo- California Trust Co. in the name of Treasurer—Rental Department	\$10,330.99
In hand of Secretary at end of year	93.61
	\$10,424.60

ACCOUNT OF ANGLO-CALIFORNIA TRUST CO.

Debits		Credits	
January deposit	\$ 618.46	By Drafts 1 to 119.	
February deposit	774.20	Assumed Liability (Notes and Interest)	\$ 3,116.05
March deposit	830.50	Salaries	2,180.00
April deposit	727.58	Taxes, including first payment on Twin Peaks	1,759.61
May deposit	744.40	Insurance, Building and Furniture	1,557.19
June deposit	759.55	Electricity—gross bill	656.85
July deposit	880.25	Incidentals	265.90
August deposit	741.60	Water—gross bill	187.47
September deposit	746.65	Gas—gross bill	183.25
October deposit	675.60	Repairs	137.55
November deposit	662.60	Heating	108.60
December deposit	2,169.60	Printing	71.50
		Supplies	30.40
		Furniture	21.25
		Permanent Improvement	21.00
		Stationery	10.60
		Balance in Bank December 3, 1914....	\$10,307.22
			23.77
			\$10,330.99

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES

Earnings		Expenses	
Benevolence Hall	\$1,327.50	Salaries	\$2,180.00
Fraternity Hall	1,259.00	Taxes, include Assessment for Twin Peaks	1,759.61
Cosmopolitan Hall	280.00	Electricity—net	508.05
Harmony Hall	857.00	Insurance—6 months on building	\$224.00
Charity Hall	552.00	Insurance—1 year on furniture	147.00
Covenant Hall	755.00	Insurance—Elevator	66.19
Office	900.00	Incidentals:	
Assembly Hall	145.00	11 months Window Cleaner at 8.00	88.00
Clubroom	53.00	11 months Scavenger at \$5.00	55.00
Stores	2,950.00	11 months Towel Co. at \$3.50	38.50
		11 months Police at \$2.50	27.50
		11 months Telephone	95.04
		Sundry incidentals	56.90
		Repairs	
		Water—net	116.07
		Heating	108.60
		Gas—net	39.85
		Supplies—Lamps, brooms, etc.	30.40
		Printing—Account Books, Rent Bills, etc.	71.50
		Furniture	21.25
		Permanent Improvements	21.00
		Stationery	10.60
		Net earnings	\$5,802.61
			3,275.89
			\$9,078.50

NET EARNINGS AND ASSUMED LIABILITY

Total net earnings -----	\$3,275.89		
Paid 25 per cent on Grand Lodge Notes and 1 year's interest as follows:			
	Principal	Interest	
Modin Lodge -----	\$ 688.75	\$110.20	\$ 798.95
Unity Lodge -----	463.75	74.20	537.95
California Lodge..	375.00	60.00	435.00
Pacific Lodge -----	328.75	52.60	381.35
Columbia Lodge ..	187.50	30.00	217.50
Montefiore Lodge	137.50	22.00	159.50
Occidental Lodge	126.25	20.20	146.45
Hope Lodge -----	126.25	20.20	146.45
Gold. Gate Lodge	125.00	20.00	145.00
Etham Lodge -----	65.00	10.40	75.40
Oakland Lodge	62.50	10.00	72.50
Unexpended earnings -----	\$2,686.25	\$429.80	\$3,116.05
			159.84
			\$3,275.89

TRIAL BALANCE

Note Account (See preceding).....	\$3,116.05	Profit and Loss—Net Earning Ac- count	\$3,275.89
Insurance Account (2½ years unused)	1,120.00	Premium Account—Loan	1,100.00
Sundry Tenants	117.50	Grand Lodge Fund—Tel. bill for 1914	95.04
Cash on hand—Bank	23.77		
Cash on hand—Secretary	93.61		
	<u>\$4,470.93</u>		<u>\$4,470.93</u>

B'NAI B'RITH HALL ASSOCIATION

Secretary's Report

San Francisco, December 31, 1914.

To the Stockholders:

Gentlemen: In submitting my eighteenth annual report I desire to state, that the accounts on the corporation books stand the same as reported to you on pages 104-105, Proceedings 1914, no entries of any sort having been made during the year. The Grand Lodge has lived up to the conditions of the lease in each and every particular and has saved the Association even the least expense required for the upkeep of the property. The three years' insurance on the building, as well as the yearly insurance on the furniture, stand in the name of the B. B. Hall Association, making the Association the sole beneficiary. The property was included in the District, assessed for the Twin Peaks Tunnel, but that, like all other Taxes and Insurance, is paid by the Grand Lodge. The report of the Rental Department will give you a detailed statement of the earnings and expenditures of the property under lease, and is prepared especially with a view of complying with one of its provisions.

The stock of the Association, reported last year as being almost entirely held by the Grand Lodge, has since been transferred to several hundred individuals, and in many cases re-transferred to heirs and assigns. The Stock Ledger and Journal, as well as Certificate book, have all been examined by the Auditor, and I refer you to his report. The Assets and Liabilities of the Association stand as follows:

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Real Estate	\$ 64,988.59
Construction and Furnishing	135,011.41
	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

Liabilities

435 Shareholders	19,304 Shares	\$193,040.00
District Grand Lodge No. 4	685 Shares	6,850.00
Laura Arnheim	10 Shares	100.00
B. Selig	1 Shares	10.00
	<u>20,000 Shares</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. ASCHHEIM, Secretary.

B'NAI B'RITH ENDOWMENT FUND ASSOCIATION

FINAL REPORT

December 31, 1914

Debit

Total Assets as per Report of 1913, page 108..	\$141,071.12
Collected Interest on Noe and 28th St. Mortgage	20.00
Collected Interest German Savings & Loan Society	14.85
Collected Interest Savings Union Bank & Trust Co.	2.42

Credit

Charged against Incidental Account in 1914..	17.45
Account of California Safe Deposit Bank, written off	4,523.57
Balance of Assets, consisting mainly of Grand Lodge Notes; were delivered to the Grand Lodge for the surrender and cancellation of 20,000 Shares of Capital Stock, having a book value of.....	136,567.37
	<u>\$141,108.39</u>
	<u>\$141,108.39</u>

Incidentals Itemized

January 19, 1914, Recording release of Mortgage and affidavit on same.....	\$ 2.35
February 25. Affidavit on Statement to Board of Equalization	.50
February 27. Auditor's bill, examining books	5.00
March 20. Affidavit on release of Hansen Mortgage	1.00
March 31. Filing Amendments to Articles of Incorporation:	
At Sacramento	5.00
At City Clerk's Office	1.00
Certified Copy, Notary and etc.	2.60
	\$17.45

The Noe and 28th St. Mortgage of \$1,000.00 was taken up March 20th and is included in the above "total assets."

Under an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, adopted at a Stockholders' meeting held March 9, 1914, and subsequently re-adopted by the Board of Directors, the Charter of the B. B. Endowment Fund Association expired June 6, 1914.

Respectfully,

I. J. ASCHHEIM, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.:

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: The undersigned Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have attended to our duties as prescribed by the General Laws to the best of our ability. We have audited the monthly accounts of the Grand Secretary with regularity and examined the bills

submitted to us by the Grand Secretary from time to time. For a general audit of accounts we refer you with pleasure to the report of Mr. L. H. Greenhood, certified accountant, which is herewith attached.

Faternally yours,

FRANK SPERLING (Chairman),
HARRY BLOCK,
MORRIS LEVY,

Committee.

REPORT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

To the General Committee:

Dear Sirs: The annual audit of the District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B., B'nai B'rith Endowment Fund Association, B'nai B'rith Hall Association, and Gymnasium accounts was, according to your instruction, duly undertaken, and we herewith beg to certify that all the books of account of the various bodies reflect in a proper manner the transactions as recorded therein.

All receipts were found to have been credited to the accounts to which they belong and the disbursements substantiated by properly acknowledged vouchers.

The accounting methods were found to be correct in principle and the entries arithmetically exact. The books and accounts themselves show the usual care and are in excellent condition.

All the securities, such as bonds, shares and notes, sav-

ings bank books, owned by the several bodies mentioned above, were found to be in agreement with the respective records.

District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

The excess value of the assets over the liabilities shows this year a large reduction from that of last year. This was brought about by the distribution of the B'nai B'rith Hall Association stock to the beneficiaries of the B'nai B'rith Endowment Fund. The agreement entered into by all of the said beneficiaries with the exception of 10 non-consenting members, has eliminated all of the holdings of the Grand Lodge with the exception of 685 shares, which appear upon the balance sheet at a valuation of \$6,850.00. These are held subject to the consent of the remaining non-consenting members.

As stated above, at the closing, however, 13 beneficiaries did not give their consent to the above agreement. Of these 13, however, 3 have since omitted to pay their dues, so that they have been dropped.

Endowment Fund Association

During the year the charter of same was permitted to expire as all of the remaining assets had been transferred according to an agreement entered into with the great majority of the policy holders.

B'nai B'rith Hall Association

As the stock of this Association has been turned over to the beneficiaries of the Endowment Fund, with the exception of 685 shares, as above mentioned, and the management of the building turned over to the District Grand

Lodge No. 4, our schedule on page 4 presents merely the asset value of the land, building and contents, which value is in agreement with the total amount of stock outstanding.

In connection with this we desire to state that we examined the Certificate Book, the Stockholders' Journal, as well as the Stockholders' Ledger, and found that all entries had been properly made and that the books reflect the present condition of affairs.

Rental Department

The building, as stated, having been turned over to the Grand Lodge, the accounting for same does not now appear in the books of the B'nai B'rith Hall Association, but is kept separately under the name of "B'nai B'rith Rental Department." Our schedules on pages 2 and 3 show the transactions of this department.

Gymnasium Committee

The accounts of same were also examined by us and found in order.

In conclusion, we desire to state that a great many technical accounting transactions have occurred during the past year owing to the various transfers, as above mentioned. We have carefully studied the entries pertaining to these transactions and find them to be in order.

(Here follow a number of balance sheets corresponding to those in the various reports of the Secretary.)

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENHOOD,

Certified Public Accountant.

NOTE—The schedule numbers referred to in above report are the schedules furnished by the auditor to the general committee.

DISTRICT COURT REPORT

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: In submitting its report of the proceedings had during the last year, District Court No. 4 begs leave to state that the court organized on the 4th of May, 1914, by electing our late Past Grand President, Bro. Jacob Greenebaum, Presiding Judge, and Leon E. Prescott, Recorder. The Presiding Judge called the court's attention to the untimely death of Past Grand President Bro. Wallace A. Wise, who, for many years, was a member of the court. The Presiding Judge offered the following resolutions, expressive of the court's sympathy, which were unanimously adopted and ordered then recorded in full on the minutes of this court:

"WHEREAS, by the untimely death of Brother Wallace A. Wise, this court has lost an associate, who, for years, gave his untiring efforts in upholding the highest ideals of humanity and of Judaism, and,

"WHEREAS, the members of the District Court of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, District Court No. 4, with love and affection, recall the influence that his endearing and lovable character has had upon the Order at large, and upon this court, and,

"WHEREAS, we keenly feel the loss of his comradeship,

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

"That in the death of Brother Wallace A. Wise, the In-

dependent Order of B'nai B'rith has lost a friend and associate whose memory will always be cherished and revered.

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the court extend to the family of Bro. Wallace A. Wise their heartfelt symyathy;

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of this court, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of our dearly mourned-for brother and associate."

The court, thereupon, adjourned out of respect to the memory of said Bro. Wallace A. Wise.

The only other meeting of the court was held on the 15th day of January, 1915, Past Grand President Bro. A. Jonas taking his seat as a member of the court, having been appointed by the General Committee to fill the unexpired term of Past Grand President Bro. Wallace A. Wise.

Bro. Henry Schwartz called the court's attention to the death of Presiding Judge Past Grand President Bro. Jacob Greenebaum. On motion made and seconded, Bro. Henry Schwartz was elected Presiding Judge of the Court to fill the unexpired term of Brother Greenebaum.

Brother Jonas read the following eulogy on the life of Bro. Greenebaum, calling the court's attention to his long years of service to the Order and the court, which was ordered to be inscribed upon the minutes of the court,

"Again our Almighty Father has removed from our midst a brother, who, by his long years of service, endeared himself to the hearts of all of our members.

"Again the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and the District Court No. 4, mourn the loss of a true Ben B'rith, whose cherished and sacred memory will always guide us in our work and counsel; for Past Grand President Bro. Jacob Greenebaum, though dead, still lives in our thoughts, our actions and our deliberations.

"The decisions of this court, during the time he was a member thereof, exemplify his exalted and noble character and raise the standard of this Order to the highest principles of philanthropy, honor and patriotism.

"May the members of this court in their future deliberations be inspired by the same spirit that manifested itself in the soul of Brother Greenebaum, so that, though absent, he will still guide us in the path of truthfulness and righteousness."

The court thereupon adjourned out of respect to the memory of Past Grand President Bro. Jacob Greenebaum.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHWARTZ (Presiding Judge).

ABRAM M. MARKS.

ABRAHAM JONAS.

LEON E. PRESCOTT (Recorder).

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION REPORT

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: The undersigned Committee beg leave to report that the following queries were submitted to us for adjudication and were answered as follows:

Statement

A member in good standing of Baron de Hirsch Lodge No. 420, I. O. B. B., marries a Catholic girl and the marriage ceremony is performed by a Catholic Priest. The reputed law of the Roman Catholic Church is that a non-Catholic contracting such a marriage must, before the ceremony is performed, promise, that children born of such a union will be raised in the Roman Catholic faith.

Queries

1. Presuming that such a promise was given by the member in question, did he by such act violate any of the obligations a member takes on entering the Order?

2. Did he specifically violate that part of the obligation by which he promised "to defend and protect the fair name of Judaism and to hold **inviolable the traditional sanctity of the Jewish home**" when he promised that the children which shall be born unto him shall be raised in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church?

The queries propounded for the opinion of this Committee present questions of supreme importance to the Order, as well as to Jewry generally. The Order has no right to inquire into the private life of a member and deprive him of membership unless his conduct is such that he is liable to charges and trial for "an offense against the laws of the country, morality, or the cardinal principles or laws of the Order." (Art. X, Sec. 1—General Laws.)

The statement of facts submitted is much broader than the queries submitted. If the queries be limited to the "obligation of the member on entering the Order" our answer would be that such a member under these facts did violate

the obligation to "promote the aims and objects of the Order," but the obligation "to defend and protect the fair name of Judaism and to hold inviolate the traditional sanctity of the Jewish home" has absolutely no application.

We feel it our duty, however, to go further than the limits of the queries propounded and to determine whether under the statement of facts a member has forfeited his rights of membership and is liable to charges as committing an offense against * * * * * the cardinal principles * * * * * of the order." It is not the function of this Committee to try members nor to determine facts, but given a statement of facts it has the right to determine questions on law submitted during recess of the Grand Lodge. (Art. XIII, Sec. 2, Gen. Laws) based upon such facts, and we believe that under the statement submitted such a member can be charged with violating one of the cardinal principles of the Order and his obligation to the Order.

The preamble to the constitution of the Order, broadly lays down its cardinal principles, and the first declaration of its principles provided that it has "taken upon itself the mission of uniting Israelites in the work of promoting their highest interest. * * *."

As Jews, we must necessarily conclude that the perpetuation of our own faith through the raising of our children in the doctrines of our faith is one of the vital essentials in promoting our highest interests, since only by this belief can the Jew perpetuate his existence as a religious entity. Any course of conduct, therefore, upon the part of a member which in any way tends to defeat these purposes violates one of the cardinal principles of the Order. Inter-

marriage itself does not necessarily become involved in this determination. It is his marriage by a Catholic Priest, and his agreeing that his children be raised in the Roman Catholic Church that tends to defeat the purposes of the Order, since such a course of conduct must necessarily be followed by the ultimate elimination of the Jew as a distinct people.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD SILVERSTEIN (Chairman),
Committee on Legislation.

We concur:

SAMUEL WEISSKOPF,
ARTHUR W. JONAS,
Members.

This member's action tends to defeat the purpose of our Order and my answer to both queries is "yes."

A. J. HART, Member.

From the above statement of the case and queries propounded, it is my opinion that the member would violate his obligation.

MORRIS BINNARD, Member.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: We beg leave to report that we have examined the various laws of subordinate Lodges submitted to us for approval and found them uniformly without objection. The following Lodges sub-

mitted full sets of By-Laws, which with a few minor changes were approved in their entirety.

August 5—Helena Montana Lodge No. 755, approved September 9, 1914.

September 20.—Reno Lodge No. 760, approved October 10, 1914.

September 20—Bellingham Lodge No. 756, approved September 20, 1914.

October 20—Victoria Lodge No. 758, approved November 3, 1914.

November 6—Hope Lodge No. 126, approved November 23, 1914.

November 6—Bakersfield Lodge No. 764, approved December 28, 1914.

December 14—Everett Lodge No. 761, approved December 28, 1914.

Amendments Approved

April 1.—Ophir No. 21, amended Article 3, Section 7, of its By-Laws reducing the Secretary's salary. Approved April 15, 1914.

April 8.—Montefiore No. 51, submitted an amendment creating Article VI½, Section 1, 2, 3, providing for the admission of a Non-Participating Class. Approved April 20, 1914.

April 15—Etham No. 37, amended Article II, Section 3, 3½ of its By-Laws, designating a Funeral Committee and prescribing its duties. Approved April 20, 1914.

April 30—Modin No. 42, added an Article to its By-Laws to be known as V½, Section 1, 2 and 3, providing for a Non-Participating Class of Membership. Approved May 5, 1914.

May 15, 1914.—Modin No. 42, amended Article X, Section 2, of its By-Laws, regulating the payment of dues. Approved June 11, 1914.

June 25.—Ophir No. 21, submitted a number of amendments to Articles VI-XI of its By-Laws affecting its dues and benefits. Approved July 28, 1914.

August 5.—Oakland No. 252, amended Sections 5, 6 and 7 of its By-Laws having reference to the collection of dues and the fixing of Secretaries salaries. Approved September 7, 1914.

August 5.—Grays Harbor Lodge No. 757, reported that it adopted the By-Laws of Ranier Lodge No. 627 in their entirety, which the Committee at once approved.

September 11.—Samuel Lodge No. 668, submitted an amendment to Article IX, Section 1 of its By-Laws regulating the payment of quarterly dues. Approved September 19, 1914.

September 29.—Columbia Lodge No. 127, amended Articles XIV and XV, Sections 1 in each, abolishing the Financial Secretaryship and regulating the salary of the Secretary and Guardian. Approved October 10, 1914.

October 2.—Occidental Lodge 345, amended Article V, Section 1, of its By-Laws by adding a half section, establishing a Social Fund. Approved October 10, 1914.

November 5.—Golden Gate No. 129, amended Article

III of its By-Laws providing for the admission of a Non-Participating Class of Members. Approved April 10, 1914.

December 21.—Occidental No. 345, amended its By-Laws by changing Section 1, Article II, and thereby changing its day of meeting from the 1st and 3d Tuesday to the 2nd and 4th Monday. Approved December 28, 1914.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. CERF,
MARCUS L. SAMUELS,
S. B. LYON,
Committee on Laws.

MINORITY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: This minority report is made necessary by the fact that, during the past year, there was submitted to me for my approval By-Laws of one of the newly organized Lodges, which By-Laws contained an "educational clause" similar to that heretofore passed upon by the Grand Lodge Session of 1911.

When the By-Laws were presented to me for my approval they had theretofore been approved by the other two members of the Committee on Laws, and it therefore became necessary for me to make a minority adverse report.

My objection to this educational clause is based upon the proceedings during the forty-eighth annual session of

District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B., 1911, at which time the objection to the educational clause was sustained.

Respectfully reported,

MARCUS L. SAMUELS,

Member Committee on Laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.:

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: Your Committee on Library in submitting its annual report has the mournful duty to first remember the departure of its late chairman, Brother Wallace A. Wise, who served the committee faithfully for a number of years. He followed as chairman the late Brother Hirshberg, but by the decree of an all-wise Father was not destined to hold that position for longer than a few months. Brother Wise brought to the discharge of his duties a wide acquaintance in the field of literature and was in a position to make himself exceedingly serviceable at the time the library was rehabilitated. "May his soul be bound in the bond of eternal life."

The library has added very few books to its shelves during the last term as, regrettable as it may appear, the young people do not seem to take advantage of what is offered them. With the exception of an occasional visit by some student the place is rarely patronized, and we did not deem it advisable to invest any more of the Library Fund in material that seems to be in little demand. The table of reading matter, of course, is being kept supplied with Jewish

journals and popular monthlies as by reason of its location it can not very well escape the attention of the young men.

Fraternally yours,

M. H. WASCERWITZ,
JACOB NIETO,

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SAN FRANCISCO GYMNASIUM

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: Your Committee on San Francisco Gymnasium begs leave to submit the following report.

The progress made in the Gymnasium during the past year leaves no doubt as to its necessity. Members have retained their membership largely through its influence and have become valuable members of the Order. Through its advantages freely offered we have also been able to secure many new members.

The attendance has increased very favorably. It indicates a steadily increasing interest in athletic and physical training which will prove of inestimable benefit to our young men.

During the past year a ladies' gymnasium class has been formed. The members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries assemble every Wednesday night, and under the able instruc-

tion of Prof. S. E. Welfield receive a thorough training in physical culture and calisthenics. A boys' night has been instituted, and on Tuesday nights the boys are given their instruction and on Friday afternoon they are allowed the privilege of the gymnasium.

We feel that we have every reason to be hopeful for the success of the gymnasium. To the Committee of Fifty we are desirous of expressing our sincere thanks for the many kindly acts performed in the interests of the gymnasium.

We would be remiss in our duty if we failed to commend the efficient and faithful services rendered by Prof. S. E. Welfield. This brother has always been at the beck and call of the Gymnasium Committee, willing and anxious to render every service in his power, and the Gymnasium Committee takes this means of extending its hearty thanks for his valuable services.

With every wish for a harmonious and interesting session, we remain in B. B. L. & H.,

RICHARD E. GUTSTADT (Chairman),
MILTON MEYER,
HENRY ZEKIND,
T. J. PECHNER,
H. E. RUDEE,
ISIDOR STEIN,
M. N. GOLDTREE,
JULIAN PINTO,
A. LAZARUS.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF B'NAI B'RITH GYMNASIUM

From January 1, 1914, to December 31, 1914

	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 102.94	
Assessments from San Francisco Lodges.....	1,521.00	
Locker Account	145.00	
Locker Key Account	6.50	\$ 5.75
Towel Account	270.05	216.40
Ladies' Auxiliaries (Dues)	40.00	
Committee of Fifty (Donation)	120.00	
Furniture and Fixtures		1.60
Sundry Expense:		
Printing Stationery and Postage.....\$ 6.05		
Pacific Athletic Association Dues.... 7.50		
Tools and Supplies	21.75	
Tungsten Lamps	18.30	
Soap	28.52	
Rental of Telephone	13.76	
Repairs and Replacements	28.40	
Bond Secretary-Treasurer	1.25	
		125.53
Salaries:		
Instructor to December 31.....\$590.00		
Janitor to December 31	720.00	
Extra Labor December 31	14.00	
		1,324.00
Gas, Electricity and Water to December 31		363.60
Balance with Treasurer December 31, 1914....		168.61
	\$2,205.49	\$2,205.49

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONVENTION

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: The committee appointed at the forty-ninth session of this District Grand Lodge to arrange for the Quinquennial Convention of our Constitution Grand Lodge to be held in San Francisco, May 2-8, 1915, respectfully submits the following report:

The first session of the convention will be held on Sunday morning, May 2, 1915, at 10 o'clock, at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. It is intended that the delegates shall be welcomed by prominent officials both of the municipality and of the Exposition Company. Various entertainments for the delegates and their families have been provided for by the committee, details of which will be furnished in due course. The directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company have graciously designated Wednesday, May 5, 1915, as "B'nai B'rith Day" at the Exposition, and we are planning for appropriate exercises at the Exposition grounds on that day. We do not now recall that any special day has heretofore been dedicated by the authorities of any world exposition to any Jewish organization, and the responsibility for the proper discharge of this distinguished honor is one which must not be lightly considered. The program for that day will be promulgated by the Grand Secretary in time, so that all of the members of the Order and their families may be enabled to participate.

The several sub-committees, which have worked industriously for the past many months, have about completed

their labors, and we are pleased to report that hotel and transportation problems have been solved most satisfactorily to the visiting delegates, as well as to the committee.

Among the public events definitely decided upon we desire to mention at this time a great public gathering to be held, in all probability, at the Civic Auditorium on Sunday night, May 2nd, at which the leading men of the Order will address us. We are also hoping to conduct a class initiation of two hundred and fifty candidates, and we invite the earnest and cordial co-operation of the members of the District to this great undertaking. In this behalf it is but proper to report that the sub-committee in charge of this feature of the exercises is arranging a specially prepared program, including a drilled initiatory team.

Another feature of the convention proper already decided upon will be the holding of special Sabbath services in the four large synagogues of San Francisco, namely, at the Congregations Emanu-El, Sherith Israel, Beth Israel and Ohabai Shalome on Saturday morning, May 8th, at which visiting rabbis and other prominent lay delegates will address the congregations. We believe that this feature of the week's program is quite novel in the convention records of our Constitution Grand Lodge.

We deem it our duty to report that, owing to the unfortunate financial conditions which have obtained in this country during the past twelve months, and especially due to the European war, we cannot expect to collect from public-spirited Jewish citizens of San Francisco, not affiliated with our Order, the funds which we were quite confident of receiving in order to defray all of the expenses incident to the convention. We are, however, very much

gratified to report that the expenditures will be met and that the only additional assistance which we require from your Worthy Grand Lodge is the continuance of the present assessment of 25c per capita for the year 1915-16. We also request that the General Committee shall be instructed by the Grand Lodge, if necessary, to advance to the committee the amount represented by the 1915-16 levy.

We cannot close this report without expressing publicly our indebtedness to the members of the committee, who have so patiently and ardently devoted their time and ability to this great work. It would be necessary to enumerate all of the members of the committee in order to signal out those who are entitled to the thanks of the Grand Lodge. Thus far the work has been very exacting, but I am pleased to convey the especial thanks of the committee to the Grand Secretary, who has devoted so much of his valuable time and given the committee all of his assistance and advice.

In conclusion the committee cordially invites the assistance of the members of the Grand Lodge and of this District and urges a full and hearty co-operation in the festivities during the week of the Constitution Grand Lodge session.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO IRVING WISE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: Your special Committee

appointed at the last annual session for the purpose of "investigating the question" of "Consolidation of Lodges" beg leave to report as follows:

We have devoted considerable time to the **investigation of that question** and have collected a great deal of data on the subject, which we herewith submit for your enlightenment. A set of questions, carefully prepared, bearing, as we thought, upon every side and phase of the question of Consolidation, was transmitted to the Grand Secretaries in the United States and their answers carefully tabulated so that you can easily ascertain the relative merit of "Consolidation" as manifested in the various Districts.

Considering then the result of our investigation, we have come to the unanimous conclusion that we cannot, conscientiously, recommend that the question of Consolidation of Lodges be made a Grand Lodge policy, so-called. While in some instances Consolidation has worked beneficially, in other instances it may have an opposite effect. We therefore recommend that the matter be left entirely to the individual Lodges and that they be allowed to be governed by conditions and circumstances as they may exist in the several bodies.

I. M. GOLDEN (Chairman),
LUCIUS L. SOLOMONS,
OTTO IRVING WISE,
G. C. RINGOLSKY,
B. J. JOSEPH,

Committee.

Questions and Answers on the Subject of CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES, Propounded by District No. 4, and Replied to by the Other American Districts.

First: Has your District encouraged the Consolidation of Lodges?

New York—

District 1.—We have encouraged Consolidation.

Cincinnati—

District 2.—Permitted but not especially encouraged.

Philadelphia—

District 3.—The sentiment seems to favor Consolidation.

S. Atlantic Coast—

District 5.—The question was never up.

Chicago—

District 6.—The District G. L. has encouraged Consolidation.

New Orleans—

District 7.—The question never presented itself.

Second: If so, has it proven a success?

District 1.—It has been a success. †

District 2.—Success depended on local conditions.

District 3.—In general it has not been a success.

District 6.—It has in all instances proven a success.

District 7.—It all depended upon local conditions.

Third: Have Consolidated Lodges prospered?

District 1.—Consolidated Lodges are prosperous.

District 2.—Again dependent on local Lodge conditions and the character of the membership.

District 3.—Not as a rule.

District 6.—Consolidated Lodges have as a rule prospered.

District 7.—Yes, but I must qualify by stating that the leadership remained entirely in the hands of the old Lodge members and is due more to the active propaganda in our District than to any other cause.

Fourth: Have Consolidated Lodges been able to hold the membership of the Constituent Lodges?

District 1.—The membership has been held.

District 2.—Some have, others have not.

District 3.—No.

District 6.—The membership has been kept intact and the Lodges have gained.

District 7.—No categorical reply.

Fifth: Have such Consolidated Lodges kept up their original enthusiasm?

District 1.—In most instances it has been kept up.

District 2.—Some have, others have not.

District 3.—No.

District 6.—Yes.

District 7.—That depended upon local conditions.

Sixth: Where two or more weak Lodges have Consolidated, has such a Consolidated Lodge become relatively stronger in spirit or was it merely a combination or a doubling up of weak units, lacking the strength to accomplish any good?

District 1.—Consolidated Lodges have become relatively stronger.

District 2.—I think that probably the latter is the case.

District 3.—We cannot see that much good results therefrom.

District 6.—In our District such Consolidation practically resulted in organizing a new Lodge.

District 7.—No categorical reply.

Seventh: Has your District ever Consolidated Lodges whose membership consisted of different elements, and if so was such Consolidation lasting?

District 1.—Such Consolidated Lodges have prospered.

District 2.—Refers to Cincinnati, where a Consolidated Lodge has been maintained for about eight or nine years.

District 3.—It is poor policy to unite different elements.

District 6.—This question cannot well be answered. Different elements exist in all the Lodges.

District 7.—The answer is not specific. New Orleans with six Lodges all assembled in joint meeting and almost unanimously defeated the proposition of Consolidation.

Eighth: Has your District consolidated Lodges with Treasuries, and were such Treasuries merged into one fund? And how did it work?

District 1.—In this District Consolidated Lodges must merge their treasuries into one fund.

District 2.—In this District the funds of the Consolidated Lodges were not merged, and that, in my opinion, crippled and prevented progress.

District 3.—Lodges with Treasuries do not care to Consolidate.

District 6.—The merging of funds has worked admirably.

District 7.—That question has never cut any figure in our District, simply because the Lodges are kept poor by a heavy per capita tax.

Ninth: Is it not a fact that the active members of Consolidated Lodges, finding themselves amidst new environments, not always congenial, finally prefer to remain away?

District 1.—I find that active members of Consolidated Lodges keep up their activity.

District 2.—In a measure this is one of the dangers of Consolidation.

District 3.—Yes.

District 6.—The contrary is the fact.

District 7.—I say emphatically no. The active members continue to run the Lodge.

Tenth: In the main is the attendance at the meetings of Consolidated Lodges satisfactory as compared with the former attendance at the meetings of the Constituent Lodges?

District 1.—Attendance varies; satisfactory.

District 2.—Probably not, if the former attendance was satisfactory and yes if it was not satisfactory.

District 3.—No.

District 6.—It is much larger than the combined attendance at the meetings of the Constituent Lodges before Consolidation.

District 7.—I don't think there is any material difference in the attendance.

Eleventh: In view of the past experience of you District in the matter of Consolidation, do you still favor that method of strengthening Lodges or would you rather permit the weak Lodges to struggle on the best they can?

District 1.—The District is endeavoring to Consolidate all weak Lodges.

District 2.—A weak Lodge would hardly suffer by Consolidation, either with a stronger or one equally weak.

District 3.—This depends upon conditions; often weak Lodges had better be left to fight their battles alone.

District 6.—Answer contained in question 12.

District 7.—Yes, if local condition admit of it, though the District has not encouraged it.

Twelfth: In view of your past experience do you believe that the number of Lodges in a large city should be restricted to as few as possible and even to only one?

District 1.—Believe that number of Lodges in a large city should be restricted.

District 2.—I think that two Lodges each with such elements as will blend is preferable to a single Lodge in a large city.

District 3.—Yes.

District 6.—It is my conviction that in large cities there is no need for a number of Lodges, Chicago has proven that.

District 7.—I have no fixed conviction on this subject, not knowing how it has worked in other cities.

In District No. 4.

The experience of District No. 4 in the matter of Consolidation may be summarized as follows:

Twenty-three Lodges have surrendered their Charter since the organization of this District their names being as follows:

Garizim Lodge No. 43, Grass Valley.
Nevada Lodge No. 52, Virginia City.
King Solomon Lodge No. 64, Virginia City.
Oregon Lodge No. 65, Portland.
Orange Lodge No. 224, Los Angeles.
Yosemite Lodge No. 231, Merced.
Carson Lodge No. 266.
Silver State Lodge No. 296, Eureka, Nevada.
North Pacific Lodge No. 314, Portland.
Albany Lodge No. 318, Oregon.
Arizona Lodge No. 337, Tucson.
Semi Tropic Lodge No. 341, Los Angeles.
Seattle Lodge No. 342.
Victoria Lodge No. 365.
Tacoma Lodge No. 406.
Moses Mendelsohn No. 422.
Fidelity Lodge No. 426, San Francisco.
Washoe Lodge No. 450, Reno.
Concord Lodge No. 463, San Francisco.
Sabato Morais Lodge No. 464, Portland.
Baker Lodge No. 475, Baker City, Ore.
Fresno Lodge No. 492.
Isaac M. Wise No. 498, Helena, Mont.

Of these, eleven have consolidated, namely:

King Solomon with Nevada.

Nevada with Occidental.
Oregon with North Pacific.
Albany with North Pacific.
Sabato Morais with North Pacific.
North Pacific with Theodor Herzl.
Orange with Los Angeles.
Silver State with Washoe.
Seattle with Hildesheimer.
Fidelity with Occidental.
Concord with Crimeaux.

The Consolidation of King Solomon and Nevada Lodges was merely the return of a few dissatisfied ones who originally left Nevada as the result of a misunderstanding. The Consolidation made the Lodge no stronger, for it continued along the best way it could until Virginia City itself was no more than a deserted mining camp.

The Consolidation of Nevada with Occidental added a working element to the latter as long as the Nevada membership lasted, but then, they were mostly men beyond middle age and the majority of them have now passed the beyond.

For fifteen years Oregon Lodge was the only Lodge in the Northwest. Then came North Pacific, made up of young men, who kept that Lodge in a flourishing condition for many years. Subsequently Albany Lodge of Albany, Ore., joined its fortunes with North Pacific, but proved a terrible incubus. Its members depleted the treasury of North Pacific by their incessant demands for sick benefits. Before North Pacific gave up its existence, Sabato Morais was founded, made up of recent immigrants, which proved an unstable element. In the end Sabato Morais was com-

pelled to join with North Pacific, then already a bankrupt. The remnants of old Oregon Lodge also came in, and altogether they formed Theodor Herzl Lodge. We all know how Theodor Herzl grew, not by reason of these wholesale amalgamations, but because of activities inaugurated by new forces.

Orange Lodge was consolidated with Los Angeles not because the latter looked for strength in that direction, but merely to take care of the few remaining Endowment members. The paltry treasury that Orange Lodge brought to Los Angeles was kept in a separate fund for the sole benefit of its original owners. The membership itself has been entirely lost in the hundreds recruited by Los Angeles Lodge and have never been taken into account in the wonderful growth of the banner Lodge of the District.

Silver State, formerly located in Eureka, Nevada, was consolidated with Washoe Lodge at Reno, Nevada. It happened because a few of the members of Eureka moved to Reno and for no other reason. They had no perceptible effect upon the fortunes of Washoe Lodge and could not prevent its ultimate dissolution.

Seattle Lodge, originally made up of the sons of the pioneers of the city, could not maintain itself when the city began to grow and the young men found other attractions, such as club life, etc. The Lodge went from bad to worse. In the meantime Hildesheimer Lodge was organized and carefully nursed by Brother Leo Kohn for years, until it took first rank. The few remaining members of Seattle Lodge suddenly concluded that they had better consolidate and Consolidation was effected by just three or four members without the knowledge or consent of the others. The

majority of Seattle Lodge members were members of Hildesheimer Lodge in name only and were finally dropped from its roll.

Fidelity Lodge, after a short existence, was taken in by Occidental Lodge and the only good that this combination accomplished was the fact that it saved us Lucius Solomons, Edmund Tauszky, Ben Schloss and a few other choice souls. The Consolidation added otherwise no strength whatsoever to Occidental Lodge.

Concord Lodge was the strangest combination one could imagine. It existed for just a few months and seeing that it could make no headway was ready to consolidate. Cremieux Lodge was extremely anxious to have them. They got them and afterwards wished they hadn't.

How the San Francisco Lodges Voted on Consolidation.

Ophir 21.—No.

Modin 42.—Yes.

Pacific 48.—No.

Montefiore 51.—No.

Columbia 127.—Yes.

Golden Gate 129.—No.

California 163.—Not voted.

Unity 273.—Yes. Subsequently changed to No.

Cremieux 325.—Yes, by slight majority.

Occidental 345.—Yes, five in favor and three against.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "PROXIES AT ELECTIONS"

San Francisco, February 21, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: Your Special Committee beg leave to report that we have given the subject referred to us a most careful consideration and concluded to recommend adversely thereon.

The Committee on Legislation to whom this proposition was referred to at the last annual session have given us such telling reasons why this measure should not be adopted and have stated them in such lucid manner that nothing can be said by us that will add weight to their argument (page 196-7, Proceedings 1914). We will, however, take the liberty of emphasizing their objections to Proxies at Election of Officers by saying, that such a system would introduce into the Grand Lodge the element of politics in its most aggravated form.

Fraternally submitted.

EDWARD I. WOLFE (Chairman),
ABRAHAM JONAS,
GEORGE SAMUELS,
A. TILZER,
DAVID COHAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL ADVANCEMENT

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: The Committee on Intel-

lectual Advancement begs leave to report that in the early part of April, 1914, a meeting was held under its auspices in the Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco.

In May of 1914 the Chairman of this committee instituted a weekly column, under the heading of "Order of B'nai B'rith," and published therein topics calculated to create discussion on Jewish affairs and to keep the Order before the public. The column reached about 15,000 homes weekly, the articles being published simultaneously in the "Jewish Times" and "Emanu-El" of San Francisco, "B'nai B'rith Messenger" of Los Angeles, and "Jewish Tribune" of Portland, Oregon, besides which many of the articles were reprinted and commented upon in papers in various parts of the United States.

After publishing this column for several months, it was found that the work was too great, in point of time, for one man, and that the column should have been published under the order of the Grand Lodge, rather than at the suggestion of one of its committees; and it was therefore discontinued. It is earnestly recommended that such a column be instituted and edited under the direction of the Grand Lodge, through some proper channel. It is capable of producing great results and of becoming an active potential force in the development of the Order.

In September, 1914, the Chairman of this committee was honored with an invitation by the Grand President to accompany him on his official visit to Sacramento and Stockton, in the absence of the Grand Orator. The reception he received in both cities demonstrated their loyalty

and respect for him, not only as a Grand President, but as a man and as a worker.

Respectfully submitted in B. B. L. & H.,
ELLIOT M. EPSTEEN, Chairman.

STATE OF THE ORDER

February 21, 1915.

Your committee on the State of the Order begs leave to report as follows:

It is the view of your committee that long reports should be discouraged except when beneficial results might be accomplished thereby. Therefore, brevity will be attempted.

During the past year the membership of the District has been increased by between two and three hundred. This gain is the result of nine new Lodges having been brought into existence. Excluding these new members, there has been substantially no change in the district.

Portland deserves credit upon the completion of its B'nai B'rith building. Hildesheimer Lodge of Seattle has under consideration a proposition of having constructed for its use a building consisting of Lodge rooms, gymnasium, reading rooms, bowling alleys and such other accessories as may be deemed advisable. The Ladies' Auxiliary to Hildesheimer Lodge is now an accomplished fact, and is Seattle's first Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Committee of Fifty maintains its enthusiasm and energy and continues to emphasize its importance and worth. Its work has been so fruitful that your committee

recommends that the scope of this body be extended so as to include members from all the cities of the district.

If there were any skeptics or pessimists in the Order, there can be none now. One phase of B'nai B'rith work has been clearly demonstrated since the war commenced. The wonderful assistance rendered by the Order in relieving and aiding those in the war stricken regions and in helping the relatives of those suffering as a result of this unpardonable slaughter among nations to get financial aid to those unfortunates, has emphasized the beneficent purposes of the B'nai B'rith and has demonstrated its practical worth. The defeat of the literacy test in the Immigration Bill was not brought about without the assistance of the B'nai B'rith.

There seems to be a growing feeling in the District that expenditures must be curtailed. Much good is being wrought, but what is wanted is less expense and more results. The members of the District are demanding less politics, less diplomacy, more development of the aims of the Order. And these ends must be ultimately attained if the Order is to become the factor in world progress aimed at by its most earnest supporters.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
AUBREY LEVY, Chairman.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES' REPORTS

San Francisco

The duties of a District Deputy in San Francisco, not being clearly defined, it is my idea that a resume of my observations accompanied by suggestions that may have

appealed to me, resultant from these observations, would probably cover the necessary ground, and I herewith submit same, which will constitute my report for the fiscal year, closed with this session.

It is with great pleasure that I can note an increase in membership and activity in San Francisco, and believe that I can suggest a few methods for further additions to our numerical strength and, therefore, as I desire to make this report very brief, I will immediately take the liberty of offering the following for your consideration:

Youths' Auxiliary.—The Leo N. Levi Youths' Auxiliary is an institution to be proud of, and is, to my thinking, the most important adjunct of the Order, as the best members of the future are likely to come from this body, teaching as it does the elementary principles of our Order, and the first lessons in the conduct of fraternal brothers.

The present flourishing condition and the bright prospects for the future are in a great measure due to the tact and zeal of Commissioner Eugene B. Block. Brother Block has been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the best interests of the Auxiliary, and it is largely due to his energy and resourcefulness that we can report so favorably on the Youths' Auxiliary.

Ladies' Auxiliaries.—The Ladies' Auxiliaries have again lived up to their reputation of usefulness in the Order, and are to be commended highly upon the many activities indulged in this year. They have during this year assisted and made possible the entertainment of the inmates of the Old People's Homes, which took the form of an automobile trip throughout the city and the Fair

Grounds, and light refreshment in the B'nai B'rith Building. It was a very happy idea and was made successful by the Ladies' Auxiliaries, who acted as hostesses, and by the loan of the autos for the purpose by many members and friends of the Order, and by the Committee of Fifty, who managed the entire outing.

The Ladies' Auxiliaries are very enthusiastic workers and have been materially useful in interesting young men in our Order and thereby being the direct cause of many additions to our membership roll.

Committee of Fifty.—As chairman of this body during this year I have, as others have before me, been able to perform the duties of District Deputy to better advantage than otherwise.

There are too many Grand Officers in San Francisco, who are very active, to allow the office of District Deputy to amount to much, but, combining with the Committee of Fifty, I have been able to become of some assistance to the Lodges. I must remark that, in my estimation, the importance of this committee cannot be overlooked, as the social side of the Order has become known and well known through the efforts of the Committee of Fifty, and furthermore we are making energetic members of some who have heretofore been but lukewarm.

Gymnasium.—The Gymnasium has added very materially to the improvement in the Order in San Francisco. The classes are well attended and a visit upon any class night would convince any who need convincing that the gymnasium should be fostered and improved and taken ad-

vantage of by the members, and spoken of as one of the gathering places of our boys.

Sick Benefits.—A sick benefit board in each Lodge, giving benefits, consisting of President, Vice-President and Trustees, who would pass on the status of members, in the relation to being entitled to benefits and payment to be made on their report without argument before the Lodge, would, to my mind, eliminate a lot of useless and uninteresting talk, taking a vast amount of the time which could be devoted to better purposes.

Consolidation.—The consolidation of Lodges, to the extent of leaving about five in San Francisco, would tend toward economy, easier supervision, concentration of effort, better meetings and, in some cases, the assurance of a meeting, which has been and is uncertain. I am not in favor of forcing a Lodge to consolidate, but I do say that this Grand Lodge should go on record as favoring the consolidation and making possible the consolidation of Lodges whose members are congenial and who might be desirous of amalgamating. Big institutions, both fraternal and in business, have become stronger and greater by joining forces, and many of you can recall of instances where two good concerns have united to the advantage of all interested, therefore remember, in your consolidation arguments, that you can only merge like bodies, congenial bodies and bodies that are equal or nearly so, with the assurance of unqualified success.

Ritual Work.—We have a ritual that is a pleasure to listen to. I have heard it over and over again, and I still find it more beautiful each time I hear it exemplified cor-

rectly. Efficiency should be the watchwork of our Lodges and it should be made the duty of the District Deputy to examine each set of officers in each Lodge before they are installed as to the proficiency in all the ritualistic work. It should also be understood by the Lodges that it is his duty and privilege to criticise their work in any department and to see that the President, the Secretaries and all other officers attend to their duties promptly and properly. Efficient work in the Lodges would tend to command the respect of those who are already members and to impress the new members joining our ranks.

Jewish Subjects.—It has come to my notice that members are, in a number of cases, ignorant of Jewish subjects and Jewish holidays, principally the latter, and it seems to me that it should be somebody's duty to see that, as the various holidays approach, that a few minutes be set aside in each Lodge to have the date mentioned and its significance explained. There are many who can and are willing to do this work and would do so gladly if they were requested to do so.

Home.—One word, but immensely important to the members of our Order in San Francisco. We have a building in this city, but alas, we have no home. The present building, located at 149 Eddy street, should be made the gathering place for our young men.

It is supposed to be so now, but it is only in name, and every possible effort should be made to make our building a bee-hive of B'nai B'rith and Jewish activity with games, reading rooms and lounging rooms, and lectures and dances, until the very atmosphere is filled with enthusiasm, Judaism, joy and benevolence, brotherly love and harmony.

We have every reason to believe that this will be done next year, and in the future we should, and I do, dream of a little building of our own, owned and operated by the San Francisco Lodges, in a convenient location and equipped with a gymnasium, a library, pool and billiard tables, card tables, a large and comfortable dancing room with side rooms for lounging between dances and large hat rooms and kitchens. We are in too expensive a neighborhood now and we could have a building in another locality where we could have a gymnasium in such a position that it could be properly ventilated and where the light of day and the glorious sunshine would penetrate and add to the comfort and pleasure and benefit of those exercising. To be brief, the organizing of a stock company would be feasible and I will venture to say that every member of the Order in San Francisco would purchase at least a share in the building that would house only our own Lodges, having just enough Lodge rooms to conveniently accommodate our Lodges.

A stock company formed for about \$40,000.00 would cover the entire matter and the shares at about \$10.00 each could be sold on time, with a payment down for the purchase of a lot and the balance in such amounts as would be convenient for the paying off of an installment mortgage on the erection of the building. For example, the Committee of Fifty has been raising some \$500.00 yearly and have been contributing same for sundry purposes of entertainment. Therefore this alone would pay for 50 shares of stock annually, and there are many active and enthusiastic members who would contribute liberally to a stock for this purpose.

I now desire to thank the Grand President for my appointment and all those who have assisted me in the performance of my duties, and to express my congratulations to Grand President Schneider on the institution of nine new Lodges in District Number 4, and the generally successful term just closed. It is my belief that the year of 1914 is a prophecy for the future of our Order in this district, and this being so, our future will be bright indeed, and District Number 4 will become a power for the uplift of our members and Jews generally, making them better men, better Jews and better citizens.

With best greetings to the brethren congregated at this session of District Grand Lodge No. 4, I am, in B. B. L. and H.,

Fraternally yours,

H. A. ZEKIND,
District Deputy.

Los Angeles, Cal.

The present time is a difficult one at which to make a report as to conditions and progress in Los Angeles Lodge No. 487. The Lodge seemingly is at a point where it is about to go forward with renewed vigor and success, and where the conditions which have resulted in a slowing up of its usual progress will be changed.

Referring to the Lodge work closing with the end of the last calendar year, the Lodge has experienced a falling off in membership instead of its usual gain, and in place of 517 at the close of last year we have at present 420 members

upon our books. This, of course, can be partly accounted for by the general financial conditions, and is also somewhat due to internal conditions in the Lodge and lack of concerted effort to develop its possibilities. As stated in the beginning of this report, we believe that the adverse conditions are rapidly changing, that the stimulus which will be given by the visit of the members of the Constitutional Grand Lodge and by the spirit of harmony and purpose which is again manifesting itself in the Lodge, will soon recoup what losses we have sustained in membership and will result in the next year being one of more than ordinary progress.

Financially the Lodge has made ordinary progress, has succeeded in making the payments of principal and interest called for by its building loan, has wiped out the second mortgage on the Lodge property and has succeeded in contributing a somewhat larger amount than usual for the charitable purposes with which it is connected.

The most important event of the Lodge year was the benefit for the European war sufferers given under the auspices of the Lodge November 29th last. This benefit netted the cause about \$1,100 and was a success not alone in itself but in showing the members the possibilities of united effort.

There is on foot already a movement to initiate a large class to overcome our present depletion in membership and to inaugurate several activities which will make for larger results.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. SILBERBERG.

Portland, Oregon

The year 1914 marks, in my opinion, an epoch in B'nai B'rith affairs in Portland. We have reached the goal for which we set out four years ago and erected a beautiful two-story building, occupying a piece of ground on Thirteenth street, between Market and Montgomery. It is named the B'nai B'rith Building, and we now have a home and a Jewish Social Center. Space is provided for Lodge halls, a gymnasium with swimming pool, showers, also billiard room, library, hand-ball court, boys clubroom and all the other necessary quarters.

Most of the stock was subscribed for by the two local Lodges and individual members, and while it is not altogether a B'nai B'rith institution, yet all the directors are members of the two Lodges.

Theodor Herzl Lodge has held meetings that were splendidly attended, caused perhaps by the fact that its Ladies' Auxiliary was holding its meetings in the adjoining hall on the same evening. Usually after the meeting of the Lodge there is a union of the two Lodges and the evenings are spent very pleasantly, where literary and musical exercises is the program.

The anti-caricature committee of the Lodge has worked in unison with the anti-defamation league and achieved splendid results. Other committees have likewise done their duty and the Lodge has quite a number of standing committees for the purpose of providing them with earnest work. The Lodge now looks forward to a large increase in membership, particularly so on account of the harmonious condition existing.

The visit of our Grand President and Orator was enjoyed by all. Both of the Lodges had the pleasure of entertaining them socially and fraternally. Past Grand President Brother George N. Black was present at the installation on the evening of January 5th, where the officers of both Lodges were installed jointly. He addressed the assemblage at length on his experience while visiting the old country and brought all his thoughts to bear upon the effect of the great war on the fortunes of our people.

My experience as District Deputy makes me confirm the opinion of Brother Milton Meyer, District Deputy of San Francisco in 1913, namely, that the District Deputy should have the power to grant dispensation, and I hope that the Grand Lodge will take the matter up this time.

The affairs of Portland Lodge No. 416 have been conducted by the younger brothers, most of whom are single men. If it were possible to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary in that Lodge it would have a salutary effect. The young men, however, assisted by the old guard, such as Rabbi Bloch, Brothers Sichel and Herman, have done exceedingly well.

A. BOSKOWITZ,
District Deputy.

Sacramento, Cal.

In submitting my annual report for Etham Lodge No. 37, I am pleased to state that the year 1914 has been a very gratifying one to me, personally, as well as to the Lodge.

The number of candidates initiated during the year was twenty-six, all of whom are social members and have shown quite an interest in the affairs of our Lodge. Most of our meetings have been well attended and invariably made very interesting by discussions of such topics as concern the welfare of our people at large, and it is safe to predict that under the guidance of a most commendable set of officers just elected, Etham Lodge will, during the coming year, continue to progress in the performance of its duty even to a greater degree than during 1914.

The official visit of Grand President Schneider and Brother Elliott M. Epstein, accompanied by the degree team of Oakland, when twelve candidates were initiated, has been the best attended and most enthusiastic meeting that Etham Lodge has had in years. We also had a delegation of ten members from Hope Lodge of Stockton with us on that occasion. At the conclusion of the class initiation very stirring addresses were delivered by the Grand President and Brother Epstein, as well as by other visitors and local members. After a banquet at one of our leading hotels, which was attended by nearly one hundred members, the evening's entertainment was concluded with the band playing our National air, "My Country 'tis of Thee."

The following evening a number of the members of our Lodge, including myself, followed the Grand President and his aide to Hope Lodge of Stockton, where another very enthusiastic meeting was enjoyed by the largest number of members ever present at a meeting of Hope Lodge. Ten candidates were initiated.

In my opinion these visits by neighboring Lodges of our Order are of the greatest importance. They help to

foster a deeper understanding of our common cause and promote the feeling of B. B. L. & H. as nothing else could and should be encouraged by all Lodges throughout the District.

I cannot refrain from commenting upon the generous response of Etham Lodge to the numerous appeals for aid, especially during the past few months. This is particularly true in the recent request for aid to the unfortunate war sufferers of our brothers in Europe. The Lodge promptly responding to the call with a substantial donation, and through the efforts of a committee the amount was soon raised to almost \$500, which was forwarded to President Adolf Kraus.

In conclusion, I wish to assure the Grand President of my appreciation, having been privileged to hold the office of District Deputy for the second year, also that if I have been of any service to my Lodge and Order it was prompted by a sincere desire to promote the high ideals the I. O. B. B. stands for.

Fraternally submitted in B. B. L. & H.,
LEO GARFINKLE,
District Deputy.

Stockton, Cal.

In submitting my report as District Deputy it gives me great pleasure to inform you that Hope Lodge will now be represented at the Grand Lodge by three delegates besides Past Grand President M. P. Stein. Our membership during the past year has increased from 55 to 70.

During the past year the Lodge held many particularly enjoyable and instructive sessions. Of those I wish to mention two especially. The first was the celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of Hope Lodge, where two of our charter members, Brothers Jos. Morris and Moses Morris, at present residing in San Francisco, were present. The second was the visit of Grand President Schneider and the Oakland initiatory team, which initiated a class of 10 candidates. The Lodge was also honored on that occasion by a fraternal visit from a number of members of Etham Lodge, Sacramento.

The first public*memorial services by Hope Lodge was held this year. While not as largely attended as we hoped to see, still we feel encouraged for the future. First Grand Vice-President Harry K. Wolff delivered the oration.

On last Wednesday, January 6th, I installed the officers for the ensuing term. A large membership was present and from the increased interest shown by our members, I look forward to another banner year for Hope Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

S. S. SAFFERHILL,

District Deputy.

Seattle, Wash.

Bellingham and Everett

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I herewith respectfully submit my report as District Deputy of conditions in Seattle and the surrounding territory of the north-

western part of our district. While the report shows much progress in our good work, the writer does not wish to imply that the good work is his alone; far from it. I shall ever owe a deep debt of gratitude to those loyal members of the B'nai B'rith who stood by and gave freely of those things which they had for the development of the Order in this part of our district.

The responsibility attached to the office of District Deputy seems to be considerable. New fields of activity and endeavor appear on every side.

I attended the Lodges in my home city, both Hildesheimer and Rainier, with regularity. I derived much satisfaction from these visits and took advantage of the opportunities presented to unfold to the members various aspects of our ever important mission and the necessity for its continuance. Both Lodges will show an increase in their roster, due to the unabated activity of the enthusiasts in the two Lodges.

Entertainment of a varied nature has been an important factor in the life of the Lodges, and without doubt should be looked upon as an important feature. Along the lines suggested by Past Grand President Jacob Nieto, Hildesheimer Lodge has made an especial feature of its annual summer outing. It includes in this a general program of outdoor athletics which appeals strongly to those in attendance.

Recently Past President Aubrey Levy started a movement for the establishment of a ladies' auxiliary in this city. Without doubt, ere these lines are printed, thanks to Brother Levy's energetic work, the auxiliary will be an

established fact, and an additional factor in the broadening scope of B'nai B'rith duty.

The annual visit of the Grand President and Grand Orator, Brothers Morris N. Schneider and Rabbi Friedlander, respectively, was productive of much good. While in the northwest the Grand President organized or aided in the organization of no less than five new Lodges, all now throbbing with energy and reflecting the enterprise of the various growing communities wherein they are situated.

On two occasions during the year I made trips to Bellingham, the first during the early part of the year, and each time was the guest of Bellingham Lodge and its extremely capable president, Brother L. Verstandig. Parenthetically, I may say, the Grand Lodge needs men like this hustling brother. On June 21 Bellingham Lodge was instituted. From a membership of 21, when instituted, Bellingham Lodge has now 30 members in good standing. In this work I was aided by Brothers E. J. Spear, F. Falk and others of Hildesheimer Lodge, and Brothers Irving Lewis, David Lipman, J. H. Lewis and others of Rainier Lodge. During the month of January I again had the pleasure of journeying to Bellingham and installing the officers. Accompanying me were Brothers Aubrey Levy, Julius Shafer and others of Hildesheimer's active workers. We were welcomed by the entire Jewish community of that city, and they were well rewarded by the eloquent addresses delivered by Brothers A. Levy and Otto Grunbaum. As before stated I owe these brothers a deep debt of gratitude for their unfailing aid on every occasion. The above named brethren and others made two trips with me to Everett.

A Lodge has been worked up there through the activity of Brother L. Verstandig of Bellingham. And on October 20 we instituted Everett Lodge, Brother Aubrey Levy acting as installing officer.

I was also in attendance at the recent installation of officers of that Lodge. Brother Emanuel Rosenberg of Rainier Lodge acted as installing officer. The Lodge was addressed by the installing officer, Rabbi Samuel Köch of Temple de Hirsch, Seattle, and other members from the two Seattle Lodges.

On every trip out of town we were accorded the utmost courtesy. Indeed, in some cases, exceptional attention was paid to our party. For all this I express my grateful thanks, as well as that of my companions. Early in January I had the honor of installing the officers of the Seattle Lodges for the new term.

Of individual members, Brother David Lipman of Rainier Lodge deserves much credit for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Jewish war sufferers in Europe.

This report has already far exceeded the original length set for it. So I shall close now with hearty thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge for the appointment, and an earnest prayer for a profitable session of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JACOB HARRIS,

District Deputy.

Butte, Montana

The undersigned, who because of the permanent change of residence of Brother Sam Goodman, the District Deputy, has been requested to act as District Deputy until his successor shall have been appointed, takes this opportunity to present to the Grand Lodge and its officers, his report concerning the condition of Baron de Hirsch Lodge during the past year.

Baron de Hirsch Lodge at the present time is in its most prosperous condition both financially and numerically, and it is with a feeling of considerable pride that I call to the attention of the Grand Lodge members the amount of work accomplished by our Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that it is one of the smallest Lodges in this district.

At the end of the year 1913 we had on hand a balance of \$1,036.00; at the end of the year 1914 we had on hand \$1,038.37; not a great gain insofar as finances are concerned, but when it is considered that during the year 1914 the Lodge, in addition to the general expenses, donated \$285.87 for charity, and by reason of the death of a brother was compelled to pay a funeral benefit of \$75.00, it can readily be seen how much was really accomplished financially by our Lodge. And in this connection, I feel that I would be amiss in my duty if I did not give considerable credit to our brother treasurer, Henry Coddon, for the work accomplished by him in his official capacity.

During the year 1913 a resolution was passed by the Lodge to the effect that the Treasurer interview, person-

ally, members who might be in arrears, and endeavor to have them pay their dues and continue in membership. This resolution had its effect in the good work accomplished by Brother Coddon, and we can safely recommend a similar resolution for our sister Lodges, and have no hesitancy in assuring them that it would result in a large decrease of suspension.

In the past many members have been suspended from Baron de Hirsch Lodge simply because a sufficient effort was not made to keep them in good standing while the amount they owed was comparatively small. When dues are allowed to aggregate \$12.00 or \$15.00, members lose interest in the Lodge and rather than pay such large sum, consent to being suspended. This can easily be avoided, and during the past year has been avoided by our Treasurer's active collections. This, of course, involves considerable extra work for the Treasurer, but I am glad to state that he has performed it well, and has even neglected his own business at times in order to promote the interests of the Lodge. Much credit, therefore, is due him for the present financial condition of our Lodge.

Our meetings as a whole are well attended. In proportion to membership, I might say that our meetings are as well attended as the meetings of any of the Lodges in this District. Our members are enthusiastic about the Order. At every meeting, matters of importance both to the Order and to the Jewish race are thoroughly discussed by all of the members present, and our meetings considerably enlivened thereby. Throughout the year we intersperse many socials to which the public generally is invited, and these socials, we believe, make many friends for the Order.

Some of our discussions at times become very heated. Recently a certain topic was so thoroughly discussed that the matter was referred for decision to the Grand President and Grand Secretary, and by them in turn referred to the Committee on Legislation, and upon reply being received, the members not being entirely satisfied, instructed our representatives to bring it up at the Grand Lodge meeting and there have the matter finally determined. Even though these discussions become heated at times, at the close of the meeting the best of feeling prevails among the brethren.

The undersigned, as acting District Deputy, on January 3, 1915, installed the officers-elect. For the officers during the past year I have nothing but praise. They have at all times acted for, what in their judgment, was the best interests of the Order, have conscientiously attended to their duties, and their efforts have been rewarded by the Baron de Hirsch Lodge enjoying a "banner year," both as to membership, the attendance of members and in the matter of finances.

The officers for the year 1915 are all young men of high standing in the community, and men for whom I feel no hesitancy in predicting a most successful administration. I know them all to be conscientious in their desire to promote the interests of our Order. And the year 1915, insofar as it is possible to determine anything in the future, is destined to be a most prosperous year for Baron de Hirsch Lodge.

As to the gain in membership for 1914 this will fully appear from the Secretary's report. The slogan of the officers for 1915 is one hundred members on December 31,

1915, and I feel confident in predicting that the next report received by you from your District Deputy will show this slogan to have been fulfilled.

I must not fail to call attention to the fact that we were honored during the past year by a visit from our honorable Grand President and our honorable Grand Orator. Brother Schneider, while only in the city for a day, succeeded in endearing himself to all the members, as did also Brother Friedlander. From the moment of their arrival in the city until they departed they seemed to have only the interest of the Order at heart, and consulted with the brothers as to what actions should or could be taken by them to further its interests in this community.

In the evening at a meeting of the Lodge, and afterwards at a reception tendered the officers, their speeches were listened to with deep attention, and the best proof of the convictions conveyed thereby is the fact that, immediately after the meeting, certain of our residents whom we had been endeavoring for many years to enlist in our cause, immediately signified their intention of joining, and shortly afterwards were initiated into the Lodge.

Our Brother Grand President, by reason of his good humor and pleasing personality, is simply irresistible, and when traveling with our Brother Grand Orator, who is so sincere, logical and convincing, they make a combination that is hard if not impossible to beat. The only regret of the members of the Baron de Hirsch Lodge was that the Grand Lodge officers were compelled to cut their visit so short, and I believe that in the future it would be a good idea if the Grand Lodge officers would be able to spend a little more time with the Baron de Hirsch Lodge.

This report is somewhat longer than originally intended, but it has been my desire to cover the situation thoroughly and give the Grand Lodge a synopsis of what has been accomplished during the past year.

With best wishes for the future success of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

HARRY BLUMKIN,
Acting District Deputy.

San Diego, Cal.

I beg to herewith submit my report as District Deputy of Lasker Lodge No. 370.

The Lodge during the past year has made material strides towards general betterment of Jewish interests in this community. It has been the means of advancing the people to a better conception of our lofty aims. While our membership has not materially increased, the interest created both in and out of our Order has been very noticeable. Much suffering has been alleviated and many in stress of need have been made more comfortable and assisted to be self-supporting. Practically all that our little Lodge could do has been done to contribute to the lessening of the terrible sufferings in the unnecessary and inhuman war raging in Europe.

Preparations are under way for the entertainment of our distinguished Constitution Grand Lodge members while in our city of sunshine and flowers, and on their way to the General Convention at San Francisco.

But the most important thing I have to chronicle as District Deputy is, that Lasker Lodge has become a potent factor in this community in causing just recognition and fair treatment to be accorded our people.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS BINNARD,
District Deputy.

Marysville, Cal.

I have very little to report this time to be of much interest to you. Miriam Lodge No. 56 is doing as well as possibly can be expected, as you will see by our secretary's report.

We lost some members, one of them by death, but certainly this can't be helped. We are having a number of good faithful members and our treasury is in good condition. We are doing our best for Judaism and are doing more or less charity work. We meet quite often and our meetings are generally very harmonious. We re-elected our past officers and I installed them on January 16th. We have no material here to gain new members from, but hope things may change before long.

I take the opportunity of congratulating the Grand Lodge on gaining so many new Lodges the past year, which certainly is due to the energy of our outgoing Grand President Schneider.

With best wishes for District Grand Lodge No. 4, I am,
in B. B. L. & H.,

S. LEWEK,
District Deputy.

Boise, Idaho

The Nathan Falk Lodge No. 481 of this city has shown a marked activity during the past year, and has accomplished much more than ever before in the way of carrying out the teachings of the Order.

We have just installed a new set of bright young officers, who will use every effort to increase the membership, and carry out the work of relief to those in need of our assistance.

All our debts are paid, and we have money in the bank, and am pleased to report that we are in flourishing condition.

The annual visit of officials of the Grand Lodge is always a stimulus to renewed activity.

I will attend the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge at San Francisco.

Fraternally yours,

MAX MAYFIELD,
District Deputy.

Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

The past year, as promised in my last year's report, has been a banner year for Samuel Lodge at Vancouver, thanks to the efforts of President Schneider and Grand Orator Friedlander while visiting our city. They did some noble missionary work and instilled new life and energy

into the membership, so much so that today Samuel Lodge does not have to take a back seat for any Lodge in the jurisdiction.

I have repeatedly advocated an interchange of visits with other Lodges in the immediate vicinity and still believe that such a plan would bring about good results.

Victoria Lodge No. 758, the baby Lodge in the Province, may be congratulated on its good prospects. They are an enthusiastic set of men, young in years and willing to do their best for the good of the cause. I predict big things for our sister Lodge.

The Vancouver ladies have organized an Auxiliary to Samuel Lodge, and the membership consists of the elite of Vancouver Jewish society. They will undoubtedly shape the course of the Lodge in all matters social.

Victoria is likewise contemplating a Ladies' Auxiliary, and if it is ever accomplished, it likewise will take charge of the social life of Victoria Jewry.

I have installed the Officers of Samuel Lodge No. 668 and Victoria Lodge No. 758, as well as those of the Vancouver Auxiliary. On each occasion I met excellent assemblages.

Fraternally submitted,

I. LANCASTER,
District Deputy.

Tacoma and Aberdeen, Wash.

I installed the new officers of Aberdeen Lodge Sunday, January 3rd, and must say it was a pleasure to meet that splendid set of members they have in Grays Harbor Lodge. They have a membership now of 21, and everyone a representative citizen. I gave them all the advice for the welfare of their Lodge that was in my power. It seems up to now they have had but one meeting a month. I told them they must have two meetings each month, and advised them to make the second meeting in the month a social meeting, which would make it very nice for everyone, as it would be a sort of club night. They all agreed that this would be splendid, and from now on will have two meetings a month. They have not had as good an attendance as could be desired during the past year, but perhaps this is owing to the fact that some of the members live in the near-by towns. However, I am sure that the new president, Brother Wolff, will be a live one, and will do a great deal of good work during his term. In fact, I could see by the way he started in that there would be more life to the Lodge during his term. That is all I can say as regards Grays Harbor Lodge.

I installed the officers of Tacoma Lodge on my return here January 5th. My report as to Tacoma Lodge is of the very best. We have 77 members in good standing, and prospects for more; in fact, we will try during the year to make it 100. In a financial way also we are in very good shape; but, best of all, is the spirit of harmony that is prevalent in the Lodge and the large average attendance at every meeting. I doubt if there is a Lodge in

the United States that has as large an average attendance as we have. Through the instrumentality of this Lodge we collected \$254.00 for the war sufferers.

The Lodge surprised me with a gift, a very swell ivory traveling set, which I assure you I was glad to receive, not for its intrinsic value, but for the spirit it conveyed. I was glad to know that the work I have been able to do for this Lodge during the past two years has been appreciated. A token of this kind will spur one on to do even better things in the future.

Through my endeavor in the past year we have started a Sabbath School, with an attendance which started with 23 children, and has grown up to the present time, with an attendance of 53. It is now a regular organized body, with a superintendent and three teachers, the superintendent also being a teacher. I myself have the pleasure of being superintendent.

The new officers installed in the Tacoma Lodge are all good, conscientious men, and will, no doubt, carry on the good work.

I was glad to hear of a Lodge being started in Berkeley. That is certainly a step in the right direction.

I must compliment Brother Grand President Schneider for the zealous work he has done during his term, and I only hope that they will continue him another year, as he is all to the good.

I will try to be in San Francisco for the convention if possible. Up to the present time I cannot say positive.

THEO. FEIST,
District Deputy.

Reno, Nev.

I have the honor to report to you that I have installed the officers of Reno Lodge No. 760 on January 6, 1915. It pleases me to mention that good feeling and deep interest are shown by the officers and members in the good work of the Order, and all are very energetic in endeavoring to increase our membership. We all feel keenly the responsibility of maintaining this B'nai B'rith Lodge, as our city already suffered the downfall of one in the past.

We look forward to open meetings in the near future, which will be for intellectual improvements and pleasure, the object being to bring our people into closer social intercourse and to enhance the prospects of our Lodge for the future.

Fraternally submitted in B. B. L. & H.,
SOL LEVY,
District Deputy.

Oakland, Cal.

I take great pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1914, which has been one of the most successful years in the career of Oakland Lodge. The membership of the Lodge has increased during this term. It has not only increased in numbers, but has increased in the calibre of the man.

This year has marked a new era in Oakland Lodge. For the last four years we have looked for new quarters, and have finally succeeded in finding them in Covenant Hall,

Twenty-eighth and Webster streets. We moved into these rooms on June 1st. They comprise a large spacious billiard, writing and reading room, banquet hall and kitchen, together with a large meeting room. These rooms are very well patronized by the men of the Lodge, and at all times you will find some one enjoying the pleasures of the new home.

It has been the good fortune of Oakland Lodge to give to the Grand Lodge for the present term one of the best Grand Presidents the Grand Lodge has ever had in its history. The Grand President honored Oakland Lodge by taking its initiatory team to Sacramento and Stockton, where they initiated fifteen members in each city.

The new Lodge rooms were opened with a lecture and dance, and were attended by a very large assembly. A meeting once a month was held thereafter for lectures and entertainments for social and intellectual purposes.

Oakland Lodge's committee to collect funds for the Jewish refugees in Europe was very successful, and we had the pleasure of sending to Grand President Adolph Kraus a goodly sum.

We have, during this term, as every other term, carried on our charitable work in a very quiet, successful way.

The financial condition of the Lodge as reported by our Finance Committee shows that they have made good progress during the past year. This particular department of the Lodge was placed on a regular business footing by this committee early in the year, and it is through their energy and work that the year was as prosperous as it was.

The last week in December we elected a new set of

officers who have already started to continue the good work of last term, and promise by energy and work to improve the general conditions of our Lodge. This spells success for the future of our particular Lodge in the Order.

Yours in B. B. L. & H.,

SIDNEY S. KAHN,

District Deputy.

Fresno-Bakersfield, Cal.

I have the satisfaction to report that at last the Fresno Jewish community is realizing the importance of standing together in all matters of Jewish interest, and that Fresno Lodge No. 723 has become the center of all Jewish activities. The Lodge has prospered during the past term and is going straight ahead; it has taken the place of just such an organization as was needed in this city for many years.

Acting under an appointment with which I was honored by our Grand President, I visited Bakersfield Lodge No. 764 and installed its newly elected officers. I also assisted in the initiation of six candidates. Judging by what I have seen I predict that Bakersfield Lodge will be one of the banner Lodges of the District.

I strongly recommend that ways and means be found to create a larger propaganda fund so that the Grand Lodge Officers may be enabled to visit interior Lodges more frequently.

Fraternally,

L. M. MENDELSON,

District Deputy.

Miscellaneous

District Deputy Brother Ezra K. Baer of Salt Lake writes that B. F. Peixotto Lodge has gone the even tenor of its ways, and that nothing remarkable has happened during the year, which deserves to be mentioned. The members enjoyed the visit of the Grand Lodge Officers and gave them a hearty reception. There has been a slight gain in membership.

District Deputy Brother Katz of San Bernardino writes that he has no report to make this year except that "we are holding our own."

The installing officer for Everett, Brother E. Rosenberg, writes that it will be impossible for him to make any kind of report concerning Everett Lodge as he was unable to get any data whatsoever either from the former or present Secretary. However, he thinks that the Lodge is in fairly good condition.

Reports by Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy of San Francisco

Ever since April, 1909, there has been existent in the fraternal life of our Order in San Francisco a potent force for our welfare in the form of a Ladies' Auxiliary, and later several bodies of this character. On the date mentioned Columbia Auxiliary No. 1, Daughters of the Covenant, was instituted. Since then Modin was organized, and Ophir was born and has graduated from its swaddling clothes.

Successfully fulfilling their own responsibilities of organization, and laboring hand in hand with their fellow

brethren of the B'nai B'rith in the vineyard of Jewish endeavor, these ladies have received the approval and encouragement of this worthy body. By resolution enacted at its session in 1914, official recognition was accorded them. By virtue thereof, your humble servant was, by Grand President Schneider, appointed as Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy, with duties and powers the same in relation to the auxiliaries, as those of the General District Deputies are in relation to their respective Lodges.

District Deputies for some time past have with ardor and unanimity bewailed the lack of power and authority incident to their office. Acquiring by virtue of the law only their rights and powers, I have no such complaints to register. My mission has been among the ladies. At their shrine we exercise not the power, but rather court the privilege to be of service, and that during my term of office I have endeavored to do. It has been my privilege to visit the meetings of the auxiliaries whenever possible. I have interested myself in their work and welfare. Had I the opportunity of glancing over the shoulder of our genial District Deputy Brother Henry Zekind, as he composes his report, I might know when my chronicle of Auxiliary activities is covered by his accounting. For the Committee of Fifty, of which he is chairman, has throughout the year invited and received the co-operation of the Ladies' Committee of Fifteen, and so their interests have been interwoven. The Ladies' Committee of Fifteen represents a collective endeavor, which has ably and enthusiastically continued its work.

"In San Francisco they (referring to the Ladies' Auxiliaries) have made our building teem with life, and almost

every night they may be seen working and scheming in our behalf." Thus wrote Grand President Isidor M. Golden in his report of 1914. That condition which he pictured, those efforts which were made and of which he spoke, have been not only repeated, but in common parlance, the Auxiliaries "have gone one better." Enthusiastically and energetically their primal objects and purposes, religious, philanthropic, educational and social, have been carried out. By their efforts our Order has been kept before the public, and made known to our brethren. The Auxiliary bodies of San Francisco admit male members. Some of our elder brethren, it's been said, seek, like Prince de Leon, "the spring of eternal youth," and the attendance of many at Auxiliary meetings has led us to believe that here they have found it. The younger men willingly assume incumbent duties. The officers, with the exception of the Counsellor, are filled by ladies, and pursuant to the framework of their organization and exercising the prerogative of their sex, they manage things. I say this to emphasize the fact that while those of the male sex are admitted, they aim, as usual, to serve but as a background, and enjoy the privilege of fraternal association. A large number in our Lodge ranks have been attracted to our Order through the medium of the efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliaries. It may be briefly mentioned that they have held and promoted innumerable literary and social functions. They have organized an orchestra for the musical development of their members. Through the kindness and co-operation of the Gymnasium Committee a Gymnasium Class has been instituted by the ladies for their physical welfare. They have modestly carried on their work along philanthropic lines entertaining the inmates of the Jewish Orphan

Asylum and the Jewish Old People's Home. They have assisted Leon N. Levi Youths' Auxiliary in the holding of the exercises and festivals.

With them there is much good work to be done by our brethren. Those who are appointed by the incoming Grand President as members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee will find the efforts which they may exert well spent. In fact, all, each and every member of the Grand Lodge, and the Subordinate Lodges, should seek in every way to promote their interests by active membership or otherwise. As to their growth and the legal form which they will eventually take it is perhaps too early to say, except to suggest, that as the Order of the Eastern Star is to the Masonic fraternity, the Rebekah Lodges are to the Order of Odd Fellows, the Companions of the Foresters are to the Foresters and the Daughters of the Degree of Pocahontas are to the Red Men, so organized along the same lines the Daughters of the Covenant can and will thrive in conjunction with the B'nai B'rith. Be not satisfied with the giving of your moral support. Hold up their hands in the achievement of their objects. Substantially interest yourself to the end and purpose that this agency for good in the B'nai B'rith of San Francisco may be nurtured and encouraged, and fulfilling their own obligations and being of service to our Order, they may grow from strength to strength.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR W. JONAS,
Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy, San Francisco.

Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy, Portland, Ore.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.:

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: In presenting to your kind attention this report of the state of our sister Lodge, Auxiliary No. 2 of Portland, Ore., I desire to emphasize the happy results already achieved and the zealous activity prevailing in this new branch of our beloved Order. Judging by the great zeal manifested I predict great benefits for our Order at large. It would be timely for this convention to encourage this movement. Already I note that the Auxiliary, meeting on the same date and at the same hall, has been instrumental in increasing the attendance of Theo. Herzl Lodge and, what is more precious, is doing wonders in the process of amalgamation. Portland Lodge has failed to notice this and it may perhaps account for its smaller attendance. I am sure that the reports of the other Deputies will confirm my opinion and the Grand Lodge will encourage propaganda among our sisters.

Submitted in B. B. L. & H.,

JACOB BLOCH, Deputy.

Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy, Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash., February 5, 1915.

To the M. W. District Grand Lodge No. 4, I. O. B. B.:

Worthy Sir and Brother: As your Ladies' Auxiliary Deputy for Spokane, Washington, I beg leave to make the following report on Ida Bloom Strauss Auxiliary to Abraham Geiger Lodge No. 423, I. O. B. B.

You may be proud of the growth of this Auxiliary during the term just closed. From a small body of women at the commencement of the year 1914 it has grown to a membership of 82, all in good standing, and all of them live, active members. Over half of the members are young girls, ranging from 18 years of age to 25, and it is indeed a pleasure to see the members turn out in full force once a month at the social gatherings held by Abraham Geiger Lodge at K. P. Hall, at which time the bloom and vivacity of these pretty daughters of Israel fill the meetings with pleasure. I may add that Abraham Geiger Lodge has added to its membership in the last year about 26, nearly all of whom were young unmarried men, and it is hardly necessary to state that the magnet that brought these young men into the Order was none other than these Jewish Jaquemnot roses.

I may add that the Auxiliary contributed out of its treasury \$25 for relief of the Jewish war sufferers, does charitable work among the needy in our community, and has been quite a factor in stimulating the moral tone of the Jewish community. By providing means of entertainment for our young boys and girls monthly, it has been the means of bringing the young folks together and keeping them away from public functions that might tend to wean them away from Jewish ideals.

I may add, in conclusion, that Mrs. Hyman Cohn has been elected to succeed herself as president, Mrs. A. W. Hertzka as vice-president, Mrs. Max Neumann as secretary and Mrs. H. Zandmer as treasurer. Mrs. Cohn as president has been tireless in her efforts on behalf of the Aux-

iliary, and she has been ably assisted by the other officers in making it the success that it now is.

I feel confident that Ida Bloom Strauss Auxiliary will continue to make a splendid record for itself during the coming year.

Fraternally and cordially yours.

S. EDELSTEIN, Deputy.

YOUTHS' AUXILIARY COMMISSIONER

San Francisco, Cal., February 21, 1915.

To the Most Worthy District Grand Lodge No. 4, I.O.B.B.

Worthy Sirs and Brothers: In accord with the provisions of Section 10 of the Law on Youths' Auxiliaries, I beg leave to submit to you my annual report on the condition and activities of Leo N. Levi Youths' Auxiliary No. 1 during the past year.

Resuming the work of this little organization immediately upon my re-appointment as commissioner, I continued the semi-monthly meetings which I inaugurated two years ago—a business meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and an educational meeting on the last Wednesday.

For the educational meetings, I have invited well-known speakers in and out of our Order to address the youths on religious and Biblical subjects, requiring our young members, following the address, to rise in turn, and present in their own way their individual views of the subject discussed by the speaker.

This custom seems to have developed the powers of expression and thought in the boys as evidenced by the splendid little talks which they now make extemporaneously after an address by an invited speaker.

Their ability to speak their views explicitly and clearly also is demonstrated at the business meetings, where the boys conduct with surprising familiarity with parliamentary procedure, the business of their organization, dispersing money and voting on matters effecting their activities.

They have grasped commendably the beautiful ritual compiled for them by Brothers I. J. Aschheim and Dr. Bernard M. Kaplan, and render it at their meetings in a way that would do credit to any Lodge.

During the year the membership has increased at a fair rate, now numbering nearly 50. The attendance at meetings this year has been considerably better than last year and the youthful members show a marked interest in their work both in the lodgeroom and in the gymnasium.

Under the able direction of Professor S. E. Welfield they assemble every Tuesday evening in the gymnasium, showing great proficiency in their work there.

During the year Professor Welfield and I have taken the boys on walks into Marin County, believing that such jaunts create a spirit of brotherly love between themselves which can result only in greater accomplishment.

In the latter part of December the Auxiliary held a public meeting, inviting as their guests members of the Committee of Fifty and the Ladies' Committee. The youths entertained their guests in splendid fashion, pre-

senting musical and literary numbers of much merit, and at the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served with the kind assistance of the ladies.

Considered from every viewpoint, the Auxiliary is in a healthy state and its members seem to be reaping the benefits for which their organization was intended.

Yours in B. B. L. & H.,

EUGENE B. BLOCK,

Commissioner Leo N. Levi Youths'
Auxiliary No. 1.



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